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THE WESTCLIFF, JOHANNESBURG

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# THE WESTCLIFF'S GUIDE TO A THRIVING *CULINARY SCENE*

Joburg's dining scene is thriving with a number of South Africa's top chefs setting up shop in the city, boosted by a wave of inventive young chefs bringing fresh ideas to the plate. Explore the city's fine dining scene, treat yourself to a wine pairing, join the glam set for cocktails and luxurious tapas or try South Africa's famous red meat at one of the city's many excellent grill restaurants.



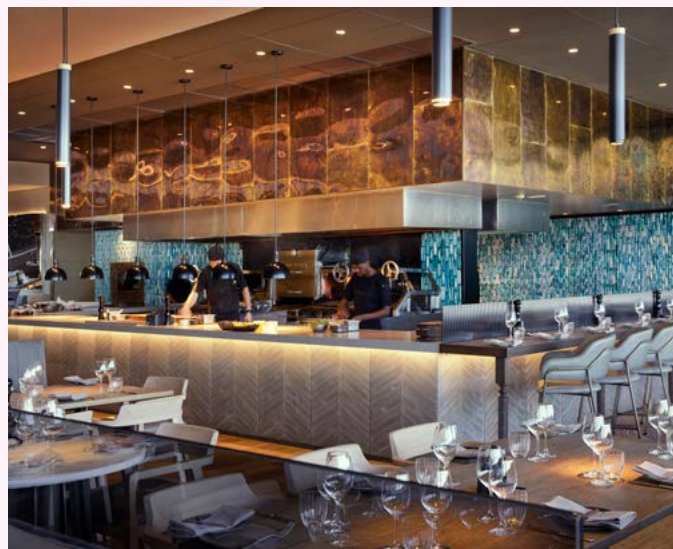


## THE MARABI CLUB

**Superb contemporary food, slick service, interiors that conjure Joburg in an earlier age and a moodily-lit stage on which a jazz band plays come together at this underground restaurant in a downtown location. The menu highlights the best of local produce, is beautifully plated and mixes a variety of flavours and textures. Booking is essential.**

Hallmark House, 54 Siemert Rd, New Doornfontein  
Tel. +27 10 591 2872, [themarabiclub.com](http://themarabiclub.com). Open Thu, Fri, Sat from 18:30

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## MARBLE

**The menu at this buzzing 250-seater restaurant and bar by star chef David Higgs centres around a live-fire grill, with the flames cooking up everything from meat and seafood to fresh bread. A wraparound rooftop balcony presents impressive views looking out towards the Magaliesberg and top-notch cocktails make this a great sundowner destination.**

Keyes Art Mile, cnr Keyes and Jellicoe Aves, Rosebank  
Tel. +27 10 594 5550, [marble.restaurant](http://marble.restaurant). Open 12:00–22:00. Closed Mon, Sun.

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# A THRIVING CULINARY SCENE



## SAINT

**A sexy Italian restaurant with a DJ booth, designer-dressed waitstaff and a high-tech lighting setup that could rival an Ibiza nightclub. In the evenings the bar is packed with atmosphere and Champagne is the drink of choice, while excellent wood-fired pizza and a luxurious menu of Italian entrées keep things busy all hours.**

The Marc, cnr Maude St and Rivonia Rd, Sandton Central

Tel +27 10 594 5888, [saint.restaurant](http://saint.restaurant). Open 12:00–22:00, bar until 24:00

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## THE SHORTMARKET CLUB JOHANNESBURG

**Chef Luke Dale Roberts stamps a permanent mark on the Jozi food scene with the Shortmarket Club JHB, the sister restaurant to the highly-awarded Shortmarket Club in Cape Town. Expect a fine dining meets bistro dishes that are simple in preparation yet complex in flavour featuring an Asian-influenced menu complemented by a variety of succulent prime cuts of the finest meat cooked to order and decadent seafood platters.**

1 Oxford Parks, Rosebank, Johannesburg, [theshortmarketclub.co.za](http://theshortmarketclub.co.za), Tel. +27 10 006 2323



## ZIOUX

**A glamorous cocktail and Champagne lounge with a gorgeous backlit onyx marble counter, mahogany panelling and plush tartan upholstery. Bartenders prepare extravagant cocktails with a flourish for a glitzy crowd while the small-plates menu mixes Mexican and Peruvian influences and luxurious ingredients like wagyu beef, fresh truffles and Beluga caviar.**

The Marc, Cnr Maude St and Rivonia Rd, Sandton Central, Tel. +27 10 594 5455, [zioux.com](http://zioux.com)

Open 12:00–23:00, Sat 11:00–23:00, Sun 11:00–16:00



## *BASALT RESTAURANT*

**This elegant restaurant is a sophisticated choice for fine dining in an intimate space. At the helm is the acclaimed chef Candice Philip who conjures a special dining experience filled with unexpected flavours and eye-catching plating. Choose from a five or seven-course tasting menu dinner (including meat-free menus) with optional wine pairing.**

The Peech Hotel, 61 North St, Melrose

Tel. +27 11 537 9797, [basalt.restaurant](http://basalt.restaurant). Open from 17:30. Closed Sun–Wed. Bookings essential

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## LES *CREATIFS*

**This exclusive restaurant in an unassuming suburban location was launched in 2019 by one of South Africa's most creative young fine dining chefs, Wandile Mabaso, who brings to the plate extensive experience at top Michelin-starred restaurants in France and a flare for working with local seasonal ingredients. Booking is essential.**

Hobart Grove, Hobart Rd, Bryanston

Tel. +27 68 182 7929, [lescreatifs.co.za](http://lescreatifs.co.za). Open for dinner from 17:30. Closed Sun, Mon.

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## THE POTLUCK *CLUB*

**The Pot Luck Club is another of award-winning chef, Luke Dale Roberts' restaurants refined in Cape Town and transported to Johannesburg with a slight twist. At The Pot Luck Club Johannesburg you can expect familiar favourites from an award-winning menu of global tapas with the addition of exciting new dishes to be ordered as guests please best enjoyed as a small plate-sharing experience for the whole table.**

**It offers an energetic, fun atmosphere and a formidable wine and cocktail list to keep diners well entertained.**

14 Oxford Parks 199 Oxford Road Dunkeld Johannesburg

[thepotluckclubjhb.co.za](http://thepotluckclubjhb.co.za), Tel. +27 10 745 3999

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## BLOCKMAN

**Embracing the spirit of the past and looking into the future, Blockman offers a unique grill house experience for meat lovers. Featuring the finest local and imported produce, Blockman provides a delectable dining experience and fine beverage selection.**

33 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Parkhurst, Tel. +010 900 3130, [blockman.co.za](http://blockman.co.za)

Open Fri & Sun 11:00-23:00, Mon-Thurs & Sat 12:00-23:00

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## THE *GRILLHOUSE*

**This New York-style grill house is an institution. Serving excellent premium-grade spice-crusted fillet and saucy ribs amid a constant buzz accompanied by a selection of single malt whiskies and fabulous local wines. Service is excellent and for special occasions there's a great choice of private dining rooms.**

Locations at The Firs in Rosebank, Melrose Arch and Alice Lane Precinct in Sandton Central

Reservations can be made online at [thegrillhouse.co.za](http://thegrillhouse.co.za). Open 12:00–22:00

Sun lunch only in Rosebank and closed in Sandton

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## RED *CHAMBER*

**Emma Chen's restaurant in the Hyde Park Corner mall is named after one of China's greatest novels and for more than 30 years has been serving up unforgettable MSG-free Mandarin-style dishes that achieve a perfect harmony of taste, texture, colour and aroma. Famous best-sellers include the Peking Duck and spicy cucumber salad.**

Hyde Park Corner, cnr Jan Smuts Ave and 6th Rd, Hyde Park  
Tel. +27 11 325 6048, [redchamber.co.za](http://redchamber.co.za). Open 12:00–22:00. Closed Mon.

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## SOTTO *SOPRA*

**With its quirky design and outstanding take on contemporary Italian dining, chef Jared Melamed's Sotta Sopra (which translates into English as "topsy turvy") is making waves in Joburg's dining scene, presenting a fresh perspective on Italian cuisine. Among the many outstanding dishes, try the gnocchi al formaggio or the lobster cappellini.**

Keyes Art Mile, 21 Keyes Ave, Rosebank  
Tel. +27 76 460 3907, [sottosopra.co.za](http://sottosopra.co.za). Open 11:00–22:00, Sun, Mon 11:00–21:00

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## OLIVES & PLATES *HYDE PARK*

**This lively all-day Mediterranean restaurant is located inside the Exclusive Books shop at Hyde Park Corner. Enjoy a light meal and a drink at the bar, choose a table with a window view for sunset, or get lost in a novel while indulging in a slice of one of their extravagant cakes.**

Hyde Park Corner (inside Exclusive Books), Cnr Jan Smuts Ave and 6th Rd, Hyde Park

Tel. +27 64 063 8373, [olivesandplates.co.za](http://olivesandplates.co.za)

Open 07:00–21:00, Mon 07:00–20:00, Sun 07:00–16:00

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## FATHER *COFFEE*

**A blonde-wood temple to aesthetics and font design this coffee shop is justifiably famous for having some of the best coffee in the city. If you are a major coffee aficionado splash out on one of their ultra-exclusive limited-edition brews and pair it with one of their almond croissants or a classic avocado on toast.**

The Zone@Rosebank, 177 Oxford Rd, Rosebank

Tel. +27 82 513 4258, [fathercoffee.co.za](http://fathercoffee.co.za). Open 07:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–17:00, Sun 09:00–16:00

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# A THRIVING *CULINARY SCENE*



## *PROUD MARY*

**This expansive bar and bistro in Rosebank has one of the sexiest bar counters in the neighbourhood and an impressive wine and cocktail menu to match. A 'modern eatery' with an excellent wine bar there's an extensive brunch selection, 'seafood raw bar' and contemporary bistro menu – all exquisitely presented.**

Cnr Cradock and Tyrwhitt Aves, Rosebank

Tel. +27 10 023 3316, [proudmary.co.za](http://proudmary.co.za). Open 07:00–22:00

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## BEAN THERE *COFFEE*

Enjoy the scent of freshly roasted coffee at this specialist roaster of Certified Fair Trade coffee, and buy a bag to take home. Tucked away in a quiet corner of one of the courtyards at boutique shopping complex 44 Stanley, this is a charming spot to settle in for a lazy afternoon.

44 Stanley, 44 Stanley Ave, Milpark

Tel. +27 87 310 3100, [beanthere.co.za](http://beanthere.co.za). Open 07:30–16:00, Sat 09:00–15:00, Sun 09:00–12:00

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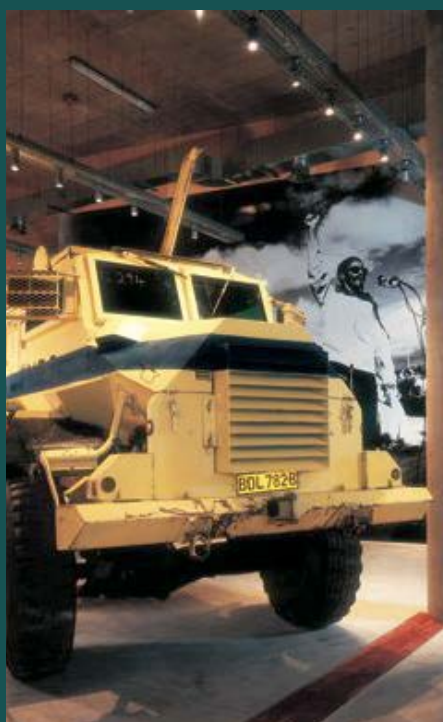




# THE WESTCLIFF'S GUIDE TO MUST-SEE *MUSEUMS*

Joburg is a relatively young city, founded in 1886 when gold was discovered. Despite its young age, Joburg has a rich and turbulent history and there are excellent museums dedicated to the most pivotal moments of South African history, particularly the struggle to end apartheid, that were shaped by this city. For those looking to understand South Africa's past and present, Joburg has some of the finest museums which explore the country's history from multiple angles.





## APARTHEID MUSEUM

**An extraordinary and extensive museum that brings to life the horror of apartheid: from petty cruelties inflicted on the everyday lives of black South Africans to mass state repression and violence. South Africa's long struggle for democracy and freedom is compellingly told with powerful displays, archival footage and interactive elements that bring the stories of historical leaders and everyday people to the fore.**

Cnr Northern Parkway and Gold Reef Rd (next to Gold Reef City), Ormonde, [apartheidmuseum.org](http://apartheidmuseum.org)  
Tel. +27 11 309 4700. Open 09:00–17:00. Closed Mon–Wed.

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## CONSTITUTION *HILL*

The buildings of the national heritage landmark Constitution Hill in Braamfontein reveal some of the darkest hours of 20th Century South Africa, while also showcasing the bright future of the country enshrined in the modern Constitutional Court. Engaging exhibits tell the stories of the hill's inhabitants (Nelson Mandela was once imprisoned here), complemented by regular temporary exhibitions and an outstanding art collection inside the Court building.

Cnr Joubert St and Kotze St, Braamfontein, [constitutionhill.org.za](http://constitutionhill.org.za)  
Tel. +27 11 381 3100. Open 09:00–17:00

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## DITSONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF *MILITARY HISTORY*

**This sprawling museum opened in 1947 details major conflicts from South Africa's history such as the Anglo-Zulu Wars, the Anglo-Boer Wars, South Africa's role in the First and Second World Wars and the resistance movements that fought against Apartheid. Technological developments in warfare are illustrated with a large collection of combat uniforms and weapons on display and most impressively a display of military vehicles that even include a one-man submarine.**

22 Erlswold Way, Saxonwold

Tel. +27 11 646 5513, [ditsong.org.za](http://ditsong.org.za). Open 09:00–16:30

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## HECTOR PIETERSON *MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL*

**On June 16, 1976 Soweto school pupils took to the streets to protest against the abysmal standard of the apartheid-sanctioned Bantu education system. The peaceful protest ended in bloodshed. The police opened fire killing and wounding scores of unarmed students, and riots ensued across the country. This museum is named after one of the first schoolchildren killed by the police on that day, and with startling pictures, personal testimonies and videos provides an in-depth explanation of what became known as the Soweto uprising.**

8287 Khumalo St, Orlando West, Soweto

Tel. +27 11 536 0611. Open 10:00–17:00

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## JOHANNESBURG *HOLOCAUST* & *GENOCIDE* CENTRE

This museum and centre of memory and dialogue draws parallels between the historical narratives of the genocide committed by Nazi Germany and the genocide that occurred in Rwanda in 1994. Survivors from both the Holocaust and the Rwandan genocide have been deeply involved in shaping the centre. The permanent exhibition is a powerful exploration of genocide in 20th century world history told through photography, film, personal testimonies and everyday personal effects left behind by victims.

1 Duncombe Rd, Forest Town, [jhbholocaust.co.za](http://jhbholocaust.co.za)

Tel. +27 11 640 3100. Open 09:00–15:00

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## MAROPENG AND STERKFRONTEIN CAVES

**Maropeng is the visitor's centre for the Cradle of Humankind UNESCO World Heritage Site. It houses a modern exhibition that takes an interactive approach to the history of life as we know it from the Big Bang to the evolution of humankind and the spread of people across continents. The stories behind the numerous discoveries made here are also showcased alongside copies of the original fossils. A perfect accompaniment is a guided tour of the nearby Sterkfontein Caves where the remains of famous fossils were found. Around 40 minutes drive from Joburg.**

R400 just off the R563 to Hekpoort (approx 30mins drive from Sandton), [maropeng.co.za](http://maropeng.co.za)  
Tel. +27 14 577 9000. Visitor's centre and caves open 09:00–16:00

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## ORIGINS CENTRE

**This insightful, and high-tech museum at Joburg's Wits University campus in Braamfontein explores and celebrates the history of modern humans, tracing the emergence of humanity along an 80 000-year path to its African source. An extensive collection of ancient rock art and other artefacts details the culture and beliefs of South Africa's first people, the ancient San and Khoi, whose unique way of life was destroyed with the arrival of colonialism.**

Cnr Yale Rd and Enoch Sontonga Ave, Wits University campus, Braamfontein, [wits.ac.za/origins/](https://wits.ac.za/origins/)  
Tel. +27 11 717 4700. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–16:00. Closed Sun.

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## NELSON MANDELA HOUSE

**Nelson Mandela lived in this humble Sowetan 'matchbox' house with his second wife and fellow anti-apartheid activist, Winnie, in the late 1950s and early 1960s. In order to make the house into a museum, the garden has been concreted over and photos and text added to the walls and the garage is now the ticket hall. Inside, the small rooms are filled with memorabilia belonging to the pair including letters, gifts and awards, as well as some original items of furniture. A small museum, a visit will not take much longer than 20 minutes.**

8115 Vilakazi St, Orlando West, Soweto, [mandelahouse.com](http://mandelahouse.com)

Tel. +27 11 936 7754. Open 09:00–16:45

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## WORKER'S MUSEUM

**The Newtown workers' compound was built in 1913 for male African migrant workers employed by the nearby power station. The compound has since been made into an excellent and compact museum that uses photographs and personal testimonies to illustrate the hardships, dangers and humiliation faced by migrant workers. The role of migrant workers in South Africa's struggle for equality is well-documented as are the many difficulties faced by the migrant workforce today.**

52 Rahima Moosa St, Newtown, Tel. +27 11 492 0593

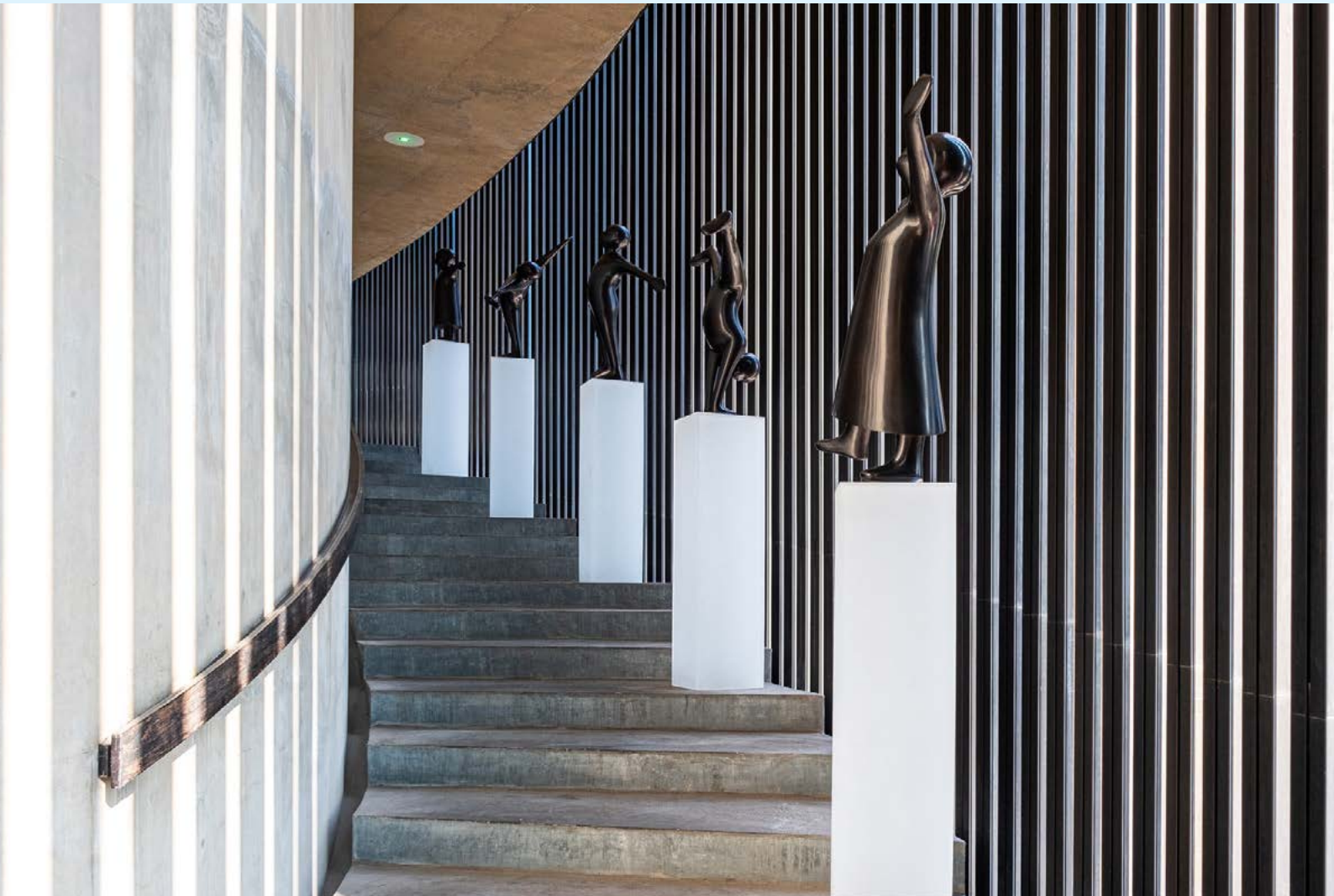
Open 09:00–17:00. Closed Mon.

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# THE WESTCLIFF'S GUIDE TO MUST-VISIT FOR *ART LOVERS*

Joburg's contemporary art scene has a unique energy, and the city has an abundance of contemporary galleries and studios that attract artists from across the region. Many of the country's most famous artists, as well as some of the most exciting emerging artists, live and work in the city, making Joburg's art scene invigorating to explore.





# MUST-VISIT *FOR ART LOVERS*



## ARTYLI.COM

**This hybrid contemporary art gallery has a physical gallery at Nelson Mandela Square in Sandton and an extensive online platform where you can buy art directly and arrange shipping. Artyli.com specialises in new painting, sculpture and mixed-media work by emerging and mid-career artists from South Africa and the wider continent.**

Nelson Mandela Square, Sandton Central  
Tel. +27 60 957 9387, [artyli.com](http://artyli.com). Open 09:00–18:00

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## DAVID KRUT PROJECTS *AND THE BLUE HOUSE*

**David Krut Projects is one of South Africa's leading printmaking studios and counts William Kentridge among the many artists with whom they work. The distinctive Blue House is where you will find the David Krut art bookshop and fine art framing service while across the road is the David Krut Projects gallery space.**

151 and 142 Jan Smuts Ave, Parkwood  
Tel.+27 11 447 0627, [davidkrutprojects.com](http://davidkrutprojects.com), Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–16:00. Closed Sun.

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# MUST-VISIT *FOR ART LOVERS*



## GOODMAN *GALLERY*

**At the forefront of contemporary art in South Africa, Goodman Gallery represents some of the most prominent African and diaspora artists whose work engages in a dialogue with the African context. The impressive gallery also has a coffee shop and small shop selling art books and unique art merchandise.**

163 Jan Smuts Ave, Parkwood

Tel. +27 11 788 1113, [goodman-gallery.com](http://goodman-gallery.com). Open 09:30–17:30. Closed Sun, Mon.

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# MUST-VISIT *FOR ART LOVERS*



## KEYES *ART MILE*

The impressive Trumpet building houses design showrooms, restaurants and the contemporary art galleries TMRW, Studio Nxumalo and BKHz. Next door are the leading Circa and Everard Read galleries which represent some of the biggest names in South African contemporary art.

19-21 Keyes Ave, Rosebank

[keyesartmile.co.za](http://keyesartmile.co.za)

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# MUST-VISIT *FOR ART LOVERS*



## THE MELROSE *GALLERY*

Located in the heart of the upmarket Melrose Arch precinct this contemporary gallery represents an interesting selection of contemporary artists from across Africa including South African art icon Esther Mahlangu. The gallery is particularly well known for its annual sculpture exhibition, **SculptX**, that spills out onto Melrose Arch's pedestrianised streets in Spring.

10 High St, Melrose Arch

Tel. +27 83 777 6644, [themelrosegallery.com](http://themelrosegallery.com). Open 09:00–17:00

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## SMAC *GALLERY*

**Representing acclaimed contemporary African artists such as South Africa's Georgina Gratrix and afro-futurist Kenyan artist Cyrus Kabiru, SMAC Gallery is a great place to view new works by exciting young emerging artists. The gallery sits in the heart of Parkhurst's chi-chi 4th Avenue, perfect for a post-exhibition coffee.**

Cnr 7th St and 4th Ave, Parkhurst, [smacgallery.com](http://smacgallery.com)

Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 10:00–15:00. Closed Sun.

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## STEVENSON

**Showcasing cutting-edge contemporary art and photography, Stevenson gallery is known for its provocative and thought-provoking contemporary exhibitions and installations by acclaimed African and South African artists. Among the many famous artists represented by the gallery are the award-winning photographer and activist Zanele Muholi and artist and performer Steven Cohen.**

46 7th Ave, Parktown North

Tel. +27 11 403 1055, [stevenson.info](http://stevenson.info). Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 10:00–13:00. Closed Sun.

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# MUST-VISIT *FOR ART LOVERS*



## VICTORIA YARDS *FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH*

**A formerly derelict, light industrial complex in eastern Joburg, this huge space of more than 30,000m<sup>2</sup> is home to dozens of artist and artisan studios and galleries, both small and large, as well as a printing studio and other artistic spaces. Catch Open Studio Day and market day on the first Sunday of every month.**

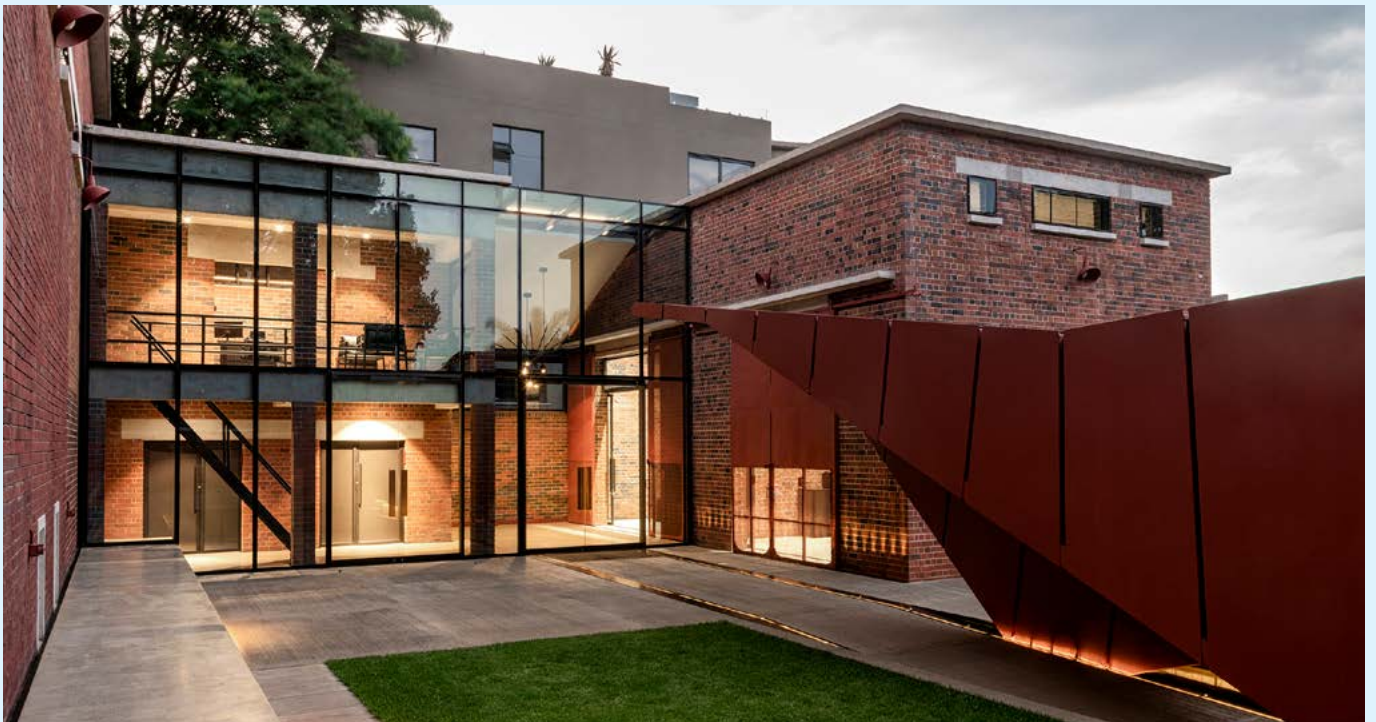
16 Viljoen St, Lorentzville

[victoriayards.co.za](http://victoriayards.co.za)

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# MUST-VISIT *FOR ART LOVERS*



## JOBURG CONTEMPORARY *ART FOUNDATION (JCAF)*

**Launched in 2020 this foundation is a combination of academic research institute and a platform for museum-quality exhibitions. A former tram depot has been transformed into a soaring state-of-the-art space hosting annual exhibitions featuring some of the biggest names in modern and contemporary art from the Global South.**

1 Durris Rd, Forest Town, [jcaf.org.za](http://jcaf.org.za). Open 11:00–17:00. Closed Sun, Mon. The foundation is only open for exhibitions a few months a year and prior online booking is essential for all visits. Admission is free

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## JAMES DELANEY

**James Delaney is one of the city's foremost contemporary artists working in various mediums. But nowadays he is, perhaps, most well-known for his public art installations and metal sculptures. Working from a studio at the popular Victoria Yards, James' art is most widely experienced at The Wilds walking trails in Upper Houghton, or by visiting his studio. James will also curate art experiences showcasing the city's burgeoning talents.**

16 Viljoen St, Lorentzville

[www.delaney.co.za](http://www.delaney.co.za)

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# MUST-VISIT *FOR ART LOVERS*



## NIROX *SCULPTURE PARK*

**A regularly changing collection of dozens of contemporary sculptures by local and international artists is scattered through this beautifully landscaped 15-hectare sculpture park around 30 minutes drive from Joburg. Open only on weekends the park has its own restaurant, *And then there was fire* (booking essential) and regularly hosts weekend concerts and other cultural events.**

24 Kromdraai Rd, Cradle of Humankind, [niroxarts.com](http://niroxarts.com)

Open Sat, Sun and public holidays 10:00-16:00. Admission R120 (kids under 12 R60)

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# THE WESTCLIFF'S GUIDE TO *A LITTLE FAMILY FUN*

High flying zipline courses, charming children's theatre, roller coasters, mountain boarding and wildlife walks, whatever the age of your little ones there are plenty of fun places to take the kids out for a day of adventure in Joburg. Here are a few ideas for how to plan a family day in the city.

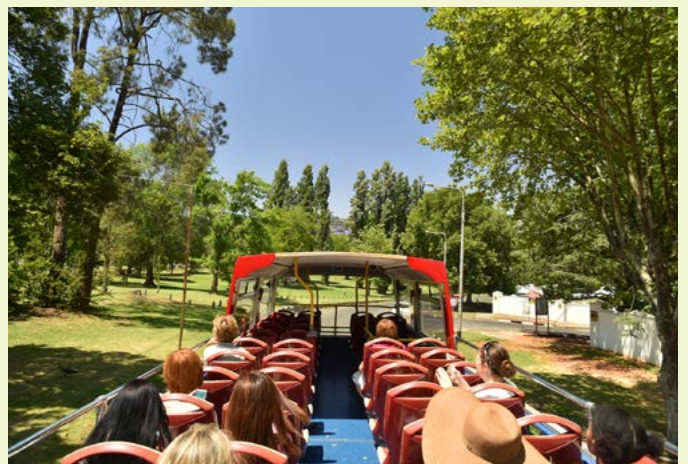


## ACROBRANCH MELROSE

**Ideal for families of all ages with ziplines, rope swings and clamber nets arranged across four tree-top obstacle courses. The Acro-twigs course is perfect for toddlers with obstacles including rope bridges, while the Monkey Moves course is suitable for older children. For adults the High Flying course is a serious aerial workout.**

James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose St Ext, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose  
Tel. +27 86 999 0369, [acrobranch.co.za](http://acrobranch.co.za)

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## CITY SIGHTSEEING BUS

**Joburg's open-top, hop-on hop-off sightseeing bus has two connected routes that traverse the city's biggest historical landmarks and museums such as Apartheid Museum and Constitution Hill as well as the Gold Reef City theme park. Kids get their own special commentary to listen to making this a fun and engaging family day out.**

View timetables and book online at [citysightseeing.co.za](http://citysightseeing.co.za)  
Mon, Tue non-stop scenic tours only, Wed–Sun hop-on hop-off service

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## CRADLE MOON LAKESIDE GAME LODGE

**This 160-hectare nature reserve 40 minutes drive north of Joburg has plenty of activities for all the family including a popular 10km hiking trail, open-water swimming in the dam (note there are no lifeguards) and pedalos for rent. Look out for wildlife such as zebras and giraffes grazing while you explore the reserve.**

Plot 59 Beyers Naude Drive, Muldersdrift  
Tel. +27 11 919 5000, [cradlemoon.co.za](http://cradlemoon.co.za)

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## GOLD REEF CITY

**One of southern Africa's best theme parks with rides and attractions for all ages. Extreme rides like the Anaconda, Jozi Express and Tower of Terror are for the brave. There are also lots of more gentle rides and attractions for the little kids. Note that tickets must be booked online in advance.**

Cnr Northern Parkway and Data Crescent, Ormonde  
[goldreefcity.co.za/theme-park/](http://goldreefcity.co.za/theme-park/)

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## JOZIX

**Full of adventures for super active kids aged from 5 to 75, Jozi X offers lots of exciting extreme activities that are perfect for teenagers such as mountain boarding, a slackline park, big wheel trike drifting, a parkour gymnasium and the star attraction, an extreme wipeout course.**

Cnr Main Rd and Sloane St, Bryanston

Tel. +27 82 456 2358, [jozix.co.za](http://jozix.co.za)

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## MODDERFONTEIN RESERVE

**This peaceful, privately managed 275-hectare reserve is crisscrossed by relatively flat hiking and cycling trails that are very well-maintained and signposted. Eight kilometers of gentle hiking trails skirt around the reserve's wetland areas and dams. On Saturdays and Sundays the lively Fourways Farmers Market is a major attraction.**

Arden Rd (off Ardeer Rd), Modderfontein

[modderfonteinreserve.co.za](http://modderfonteinreserve.co.za)

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## MONTECASINO *BIRD GARDENS*

**Wander along walkways through the lush gardens and view a variety of colourful birds, mammals, reptiles and unusual animals from around the world at these exotic bird gardens that include parrots, flamingoes, a huge pelican, cute meerkats and a sloth. Kids will love the daily birds of prey demonstration.**

Montecasino Casino and Entertainment Centre, Montecasino Boulevard, Fourways  
Tel. +27 11 511 1864, [montecasino.co.za](http://montecasino.co.za)

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## THE NATIONAL *CHILDREN'S THEATRE*

**This dedicated children's theatre has a year-round programme of matinee performances of original and interactive theatre and musical productions for kids that are based on popular fairy tales, children's books and Disney films. In addition to two indoor stages there's also the open-air 'Imagination Theatre' stage in the garden.**

3 Junction Ave, Parktown, [nationalchildrenstheatre.org.za](http://nationalchildrenstheatre.org.za)

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## THE PEOPLE'S *THEATRE*

**For more than 30 years this theatre adjoining the Joburg Theatre complex in Braamfontein has delighted young audiences with its charming programme of colourful and engaging children's theatre. The theatre stages up to eight productions a year, all designed to be fun, educational and to maximise audience participation.**

Joburg Theatre complex, Cnr Loveday and Hoofd Sts, Braamfontein, [peoplestheatre.co.za](http://peoplestheatre.co.za)

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## SCI-BONO *DISCOVERY CENTRE*

**Joburg's science museum has been designed specifically for curious young minds and is packed with educational and interactive exhibits that cover a wide array of topics such as space, chemistry, geography, engineering and physics. Other fun attractions include a mirror maze, climbing wall and the semi-humanoid robots Sanbot Max and Pepper.**

Cnr Miriam Makeba St and Helen Joseph St, Newtown

Tel. +27 11 639 8400, [sci-bono.co.za](http://sci-bono.co.za)

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THE  
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GUIDE TO

# THRILLING *ADVENTURES IN & AROUND THE CITY*

Cycling, hiking, bungee jumping and even skateboarding - there are plenty of original and adventurous ways to get out and see the city from a different perspective in Joburg. Whether you have a passion for the botanical or are a self-confessed adrenaline junkie, this city offers plenty of interesting ways to make the most of the outdoors.





# THRILLING ADVENTURES *IN & AROUND THE CITY*



## CYCLING WITH *MICROADVENTURE TOURS*

Join the charismatic and energetic Kennedy Tembo for a cycle tour around the city and take in historical landmarks, famous viewpoints and a wealth of colourful street art. MicroAdventures also offer walking tours of the city exploring hidden heritage buildings, artist studios and other unusual spaces.

To book call +27 83 772 4678, email [info@microadventuretours.co.za](mailto:info@microadventuretours.co.za) or book online at [microadventuretours.co.za](http://microadventuretours.co.za). Tours from R350 per person



## SKATEBOARDING WITH *CITYSKATE TOURS*

One of the most unique tour companies around, Ayanda Mnyandu and Daniel Monegi's City Skate Tours explore the historic Joburg City Centre and its artistic spaces by skateboard (a short crash course is included). Alternatively, join one of their 2.5 hour graffiti walking tours in the hip Braamfontein neighbourhood.

Bookings via whatsapp at +27 79 839 8833, email [cityskatetours@gmail.com](mailto:cityskatetours@gmail.com) or make a booking via their Instagram page [@cityskatetours](https://www.instagram.com/cityskatetours). Tours from R450 per person

# THRILLING ADVENTURES *IN & AROUND THE CITY*



## HIKING WITH FRIENDS OF THE *MELVILLE KOPPIES*

The Melville Koppies is a nature reserve and archaeological heritage site. On Sunday mornings the reserve opens to hikers and the custodians of the space, the Friends of the Melville Koppies, lead guided hikes through the reserve (by prior arrangement) outlining the history of the stone age settlements that once stood here.

Cnr Judith Rd and Orange Rd, Melville, [mk.org.za](http://mk.org.za)

Call +27 11 482 4797 or +27 79 532 0083 to arrange a guided hike at a cost of R80 per person

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## A WALK IN *THE WILDS*

This wonderful historic park that snakes up and around one of the city's most prominent ridges boasts fantastic views across Joburg. Once neglected and forgotten, the space has been transformed by a dedicated team of volunteers who host regular events in the space such as yoga mornings, nature talks and senior citizens' walks.

Entrance on Houghton Dr, Houghton

Follow the [Friends of The Wilds](#) group on Facebook for the latest on events happening in the park

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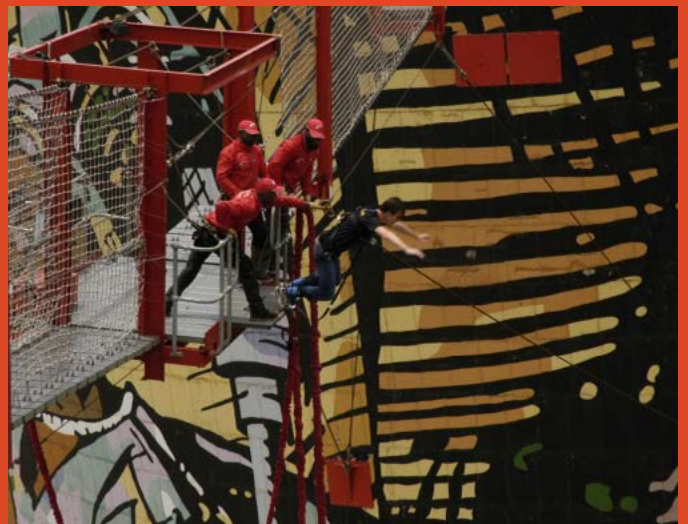
# THRILLING ADVENTURES *IN & AROUND THE CITY*



## ROADRUNNING WITH *PIRATES CLUB*

For passionate runners who want to keep in shape during their holidays the Pirates Club has an enthusiastic running club that heads out for a 5km and 8km run every Tuesday at 17:45. Other sports you can join in at the club include squash, tennis, lawns bowls, five-a-side and padel.

25 Braeside St (4th Ave), Greenside, Tel. +27 11 646 5025, [piratesclub.co.za](http://piratesclub.co.za)



## BUNGEE JUMPING AT SOWETO TOWERS *VERTICAL ADVENTURE CENTRE*

Take the plunge at the famous 100-metre high bungee jump on the top of Soweto's iconic cooling towers. If you're an adrenaline junkie there's also a SCAD (Suspended Catch Freefall Device) fall. Steady your nerves afterwards with a beer at the Chaf Pozi beer garden at the foot of the towers.

Orlando Towers (follow signs for Chaf Pozi), cnr Sheffield Rd and Chris Hani Rd, Orlando, Soweto  
Tel. +27 71 674 4343, [sowetotowers.co.za](http://sowetotowers.co.za). Bungee jumping from R630 per person  
R80 to ride to the viewing platform

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## EAGLES AND WATERFALLS AT *WALTER SISULU BOTANICAL GARDENS*

**Visit the city's botanical gardens for stunning flora from around the world, excellent birdwatching (look out for the black Verreaux's eagles) and an impressive waterfall. A 5km nature trail takes you up to the top of the waterfall, or pack a picnic and find a shady spot to relax on the lawns.**

Malcolm Rd, Roodepoort, tel. +27 86 100 1278, [sanbi.org/gardens/walter-sisulu](http://sanbi.org/gardens/walter-sisulu). Open 08:00–17:00  
Admission R70, students R40, scholars R20. Kids under 6 free. Pensioners free entrance on Tue.

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## CYCLING SOWETO WITH LEBO'S *SOWETO BICYCLE TOURS*

**One of the best ways to experience the sights and sounds of Soweto is on a cycling, walking or tuk tuk tour of the township. Lebo's acclaimed tours take in the most famous landmarks and also dig into Soweto's unique history and culture, ending with a delicious traditional lunch at their open-air restaurant.**

To book call +27 11 936 3444, email [lebo@sowetobackpackers.com](mailto:lebo@sowetobackpackers.com) or  
book online at [sowetobackpackers.com](http://sowetobackpackers.com). Bicycle tours from R550 per person (including lunch)

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## BILL HARROP'S ORIGINAL *BALLOON SAFARIS*

**One of South Africa's most famous hot air ballooning experiences is based in the valleys of the Magaliesberg mountains, about one hour drive north of Joburg. Enjoy endless views on a sunrise hot air ride above the mountains followed by a Champagne breakfast back on terra firma.**

Skeerpoort (off the R560), Magaliesburg

Tel. +27 11 705 3201, [balloon.co.za](http://balloon.co.za). Hot air balloon experiences from R2,795 per person

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# THE WESTCLIFF'S GUIDE TO A BESPOKE *SHOPPING SPREE*

Welcome to Southern Africa's shopping capital! Discover the latest designer collections from local fashion labels, shop for exquisite one-of-a-kind decorative pieces handcrafted by the finest traditional artisans and browse the latest in contemporary African interior design at Joburg's exclusive boutiques and showrooms. Here are some recommended stops.



# A BESPOKE SHOPPING SPREE



## 44 STANLEY

A superbly curated selection of local fashion, design and gift boutiques with an emphasis on sustainable and ethically sourced materials. Converted from a 1930s industrial complex, 44 Stanley spreads across a collection of leafy interlinked courtyards that also house charming cafes, an independent cinema, a record shop, art gallery and other creative spaces.

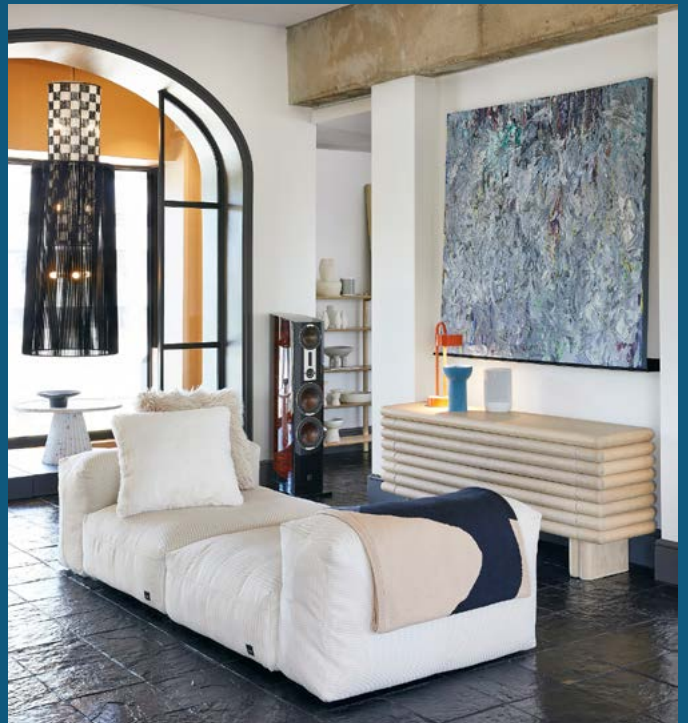
44 Stanley Ave, Milpark

Tel. +27 11 482 4444, [44stanley.co.za](http://44stanley.co.za)

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# A BESPOKE *SHOPPING SPREE*



## *ALWAYS WELCOME KRAMERVILLE*

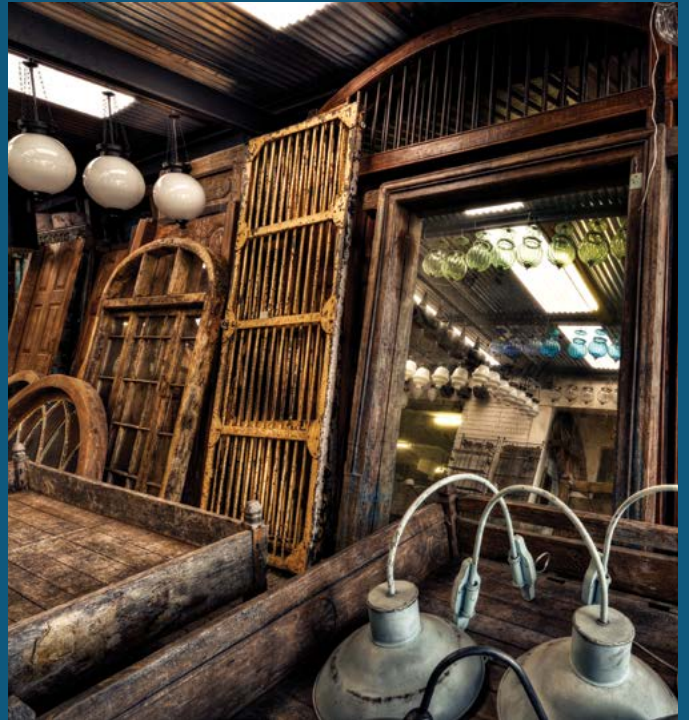
**This chic home decor and furniture emporium showcases more than 30 South African furniture and decor designers including brands such as Mash.T Studio, Houtlander, Dokter & Misses and Urbanative. A playful and inviting space with an exciting choice of small ornamental pieces and large statement furniture items.**

17 Commerce Crescent, Kramerville  
Tel. +27 71 246 9556, [alwayswelcome.store](http://alwayswelcome.store)

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# A BESPOKE SHOPPING SPREE



## AMATULI

Suppliers of unique African artefacts and objets d'art from across the continent, this enticing showroom is bursting with collectable one-of-a-kind items. Browse the shelves for everything from hand-dyed Kuba cloths and hand painted barbershop signs to Tonga basketry, Zulu pottery, colourful Yoruba beaded chairs and so much more.

6 Desmond St, Kramerville

Tel. +27 11 440 5065, [amatuli.co.za](http://amatuli.co.za)

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# A BESPOKE *SHOPPING SPREE*



## ART *AFRICA*

**A colourful treasure trove of handmade South African crafts and gifts. This friendly shop stocks a brilliant range of high-quality locally crafted items such as jewellery, household accessories, lights, mirrors and other decorative pieces made from wood, beads, wire, ceramics and fabrics. A great place to pick up good-quality handmade souvenirs.**

62 Tyrone Ave, Parkview  
Tel. +27 11 486 3193

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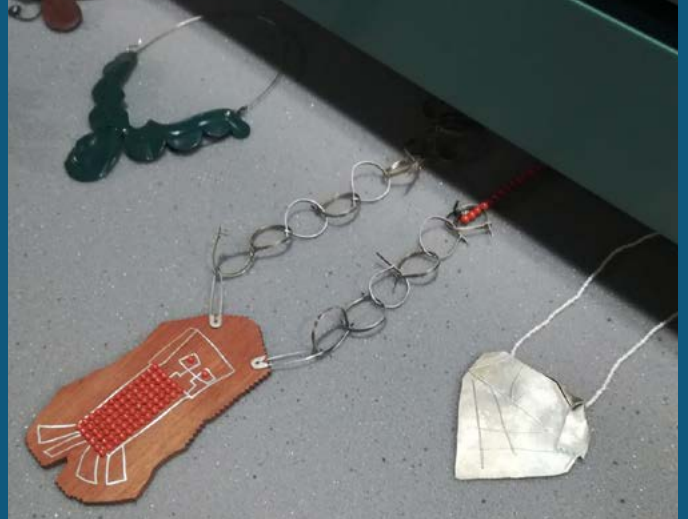
## ART OF *THE CONTINENT*

**This huge store is set in a historic warehouse at the Victoria Yards complex on the east side of the city and is filled with artefacts sourced from across Africa. A great place to find elegant traditional souvenirs for the home such as beaded figurines, Malian mud cloth cushions and colourful hand-woven baskets.**

Victoria Yards, 16A Viljoen St, Lorentzville  
[art-of-the-continent.myshopify.com](http://art-of-the-continent.myshopify.com)

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# A BESPOKE SHOPPING SPREE



## BAMBOO *LIFESTYLE CENTRE*

Looking over the Melville Koppies, this small centre houses one of Joburg's best independent bookshops, the breezy Service Station cafe and the stylish fashion emporium Convoy showcasing designs from more than 20 South African labels. Upstairs is one of the exceptional contemporary jewellery design studio Tinsel.

Cnr Rustenburg Rd and 9th St, Melville  
Tel. +27 11 726 1701, [bamboo.co.za](http://bamboo.co.za)

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## KIM SACKS *GALLERY*

Ceramist Kim Sacks' beautiful gallery and showroom is one of the best places to find museum-quality traditional and contemporary handmade objects, created by artists from across South Africa and beyond. Regular exhibitions show exquisite sculptural pieces and fabric works that are rich in colour, texture and creativity.

153 Jan Smuts Ave, Parkwood, Tel. +27 83 377 7499, [kimsacks.com](http://kimsacks.com)

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# A BESPOKE *SHOPPING SPREE*



## NELSON MANDELA SQUARE *AND SANDTON CITY*

**Joburg's biggest shopping mall contains hundreds of high street shops and department stores, as well as the Diamond Walk designer shopping arcade where you can shop brands such as Louis Vuitton and Prada. For post-shopping cocktails and Asian-style cuisine the glamorous TANG overlooking the Nelson Mandela Square is a favourite.**

Cnr Sandton Dr and Rivonia Rd, Sandton Central  
Tel. +27 11 217 6000, [sandtoncity.com](http://sandtoncity.com)

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# A BESPOKE *SHOPPING SPREE*



## ROSEBANK

**A stone's throw away from the Hotel is the vibrant shopping district of Rosebank. Contained within a few blocks you will find the Rosebank Mall with most of the leading chain stores, and The Zone with more vibrant, youthful shopping, and dining experiences and a host of streetside eateries.**

50 Bath Avenue Rosebank, 2196

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## HYDE PARK CORNER *SHOPPING CENTRE*

**Hyde Park Corner is one of Johannesburg's oldest fully enclosed shopping malls. Today it houses a number of high-end boutiques, fashion brands and dining experiences. It's a destination for discerning shoppers, more quaint than Sandton City, but every bit as exclusive. It is open from 09:00 to 18:00 weekdays and 10:00 to 15:00 on Sundays .**

Entrances on, CNR Jan Smuts Avenue and William Nicol Drive  
6th Rd, Hyde Park, Johannesburg, 2196

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