

# Johannesburg

**Province:** Gauteng

**Population:** 3,2 Million

**Weather (June/July):** Johannesburg enjoys a very favourable climate, dry and sunny all year round. Winter days are only slightly cooler than the pleasant summer average temperatures, but it can become frosty on winter nights. Winter temperatures range between 16 and 24°C

**Geography:** This vibrant city is located on the eastern high-lying plateau in South Africa referred to as the Highveld.

**Altitude:** 1 753 m

## Closest Airport:

O.R. Tambo International

Help desk Tel: 011 921 6262

Flight information Tel: 086 72 77 888

Website: [www.airports.co.za](http://www.airports.co.za)

Email: [webmaster@acsa.co.za](mailto:webmaster@acsa.co.za)

## Tourist information:

Gauteng Tourism Authority

Address: No.1 Central Place, Corner of Henry Nxumalo and Jeppe Streets, Newtown

Tel: 011 639 1600

Website: [www.gauteng.net](http://www.gauteng.net)

## Taxi Services

Johannesburg taxis are metered and are usually ordered on demand by the restaurant or hotel. These are preferable to minibus taxis or buses as they drop you at your door, being a safer option. Taxi & Shuttle services operate from the airport.

### Rose Radio Taxis

Tel: 011 403 0000

Email: [roses@netactive.co.za](mailto:roses@netactive.co.za)

Website: [www.rosetaxis.com](http://www.rosetaxis.com)

### Maxi Taxi Cabs

Tel: 011 648 1212

Email: [maxitaxi@telkomsa.net](mailto:maxitaxi@telkomsa.net)

Website: [www.maxitaxi.co.za](http://www.maxitaxi.co.za)

### Corporate Cabs

Tel: 0800 800 800

Website: [www.corporatecabs.co.za](http://www.corporatecabs.co.za)

### Safe Cabs

Tel: 0861 66 55 66

Email: [info@safecabs.co.za](mailto:info@safecabs.co.za)

Website: [www.safecabs.co.za](http://www.safecabs.co.za)

## **Jan Smuts Taxi Bureau and Luxury Car Rental**

Tel: 072 116 8512 (24 hours)

## **Driver Vasco**

Tel: 082 734 3638

## **Emergency Services**

Any Emergency (Public service): 107 (not from mobile phones)

Any Emergency (Public service): 112 (only from mobile phones)

Ambulance (Public service): 10177

Automobile Association Emergency Rescue: 0800 01 01 01

Automobile Association Medical Rescue: 0800 033 007

Flying Squad – Police: 10111

Netcare Emergency response (Private service): 082 911

## **Hospitals**

### **Morningside Medi-Clinic**

Address: Corner Rivonia and Hill Roads, Morningside

Tel: 011 282 5000, 011 282 5127 (24hr Emergency Centre)

Email: [hospmngmorni@mediclinic.co.za](mailto:hospmngmorni@mediclinic.co.za)

Website: [www.medi-clinic.co.za](http://www.medi-clinic.co.za)

### **Sandton Medi-Clinic**

Address: Cnr Peter Place & Hendrik Verwoerd Drive, Bryanston

Tel: 0 11 709 2000 or 24hr Emergency Centre: 011 706 7711

Email: [hospmngrsandt@mediclinic.co.za](mailto:hospmngrsandt@mediclinic.co.za)

Website: [www.sandtonmc.co.za](http://www.sandtonmc.co.za)

### **Netcare Sunninghill Hospital**

Address: Cnr Nanyuki & Witkoppen Roads, Sunninghill Park

Tel: 011 806 1500

Website: [www.netcare.co.za](http://www.netcare.co.za)

### **Netcare Olivedale Hospital**

Address: Cnr President Fouché and Windsor Way, Randburg

Tel: 011 777 2000

Website: [www.olivedalehospital.co.za](http://www.olivedalehospital.co.za)

### **Fourways Life Hospital**

Address: Corner Cedar Road and Cedar Road West, Fourways

Tel: 011 875 1000

Email: [Trudy.Naicker@lifehealthcare.co.za](mailto:Trudy.Naicker@lifehealthcare.co.za)

Website: [www.lifehealthcare.co.za](http://www.lifehealthcare.co.za)

### **Netcare Rosebank Hospital**

Address: 14 Sturdee Avenue, Rosebank

Tel: 011 328 0500

Website: [www.netcare.co.za](http://www.netcare.co.za)

## **Bars**

### **Sophiatown**

This retro cool café offers patrons an African themed menu and a cigar bar next door

Address: 1 Central Place, Jeppe Street, Newtown

Tel: 011 836 5999

### **Roseboys**

Party Maestro Kerry Edgar's legendary Rose Café has migrated to a fittingly dark and mysterious new venue two doors down from the ever popular pizza joint, Trabella.

Address: cnr Oxford Road and Corlett Drive, Illovo

Tel: 011 880 9989

### **Katzy's Cigar Bar**

Cruisy New York style cigar bar with sumptuous sofas and live music that hots up as the night gets darker.

Address: The Firs, Oxford Road, Rosebank

Tel: 011 880 3945

### **The Baron**

The "new generation" Baron has moved away from the more traditional old English pub look to a more modern but contemporary looking Manhattan grill house still with its traditional bar incorporated into the smoking area as well as a wine room for vintage wines. The new look and feel aligns itself with its new payoff line "Contemporary Dining".

Address: 60 Rivonia Road, cnr Protea Street, Sandton

Tel: 011 783 0838

Email: sandton@thebaron.co.za

Web: www.thebaron.co.za

### **Gypsy Lounge**

This sexy in- and outdoor tapas bar hosts a Spanish guitar player on Thursday nights and a DJ on Sunday afternoons.

Address: Bluebird Centre, cnr Atholl Oaklands and Fort Street, Birnam

Tel: 011 887 7247

Web: www.thegypsy lounge.co.za

## **Clubs & Nightlife**

### **@115**

@ 115 plays deep house and drum 'n bass. Last Saturday of every month is live band night. This club has been rated the best for deep house grooves. If you are in the mood for heavy partying you've got the right address.

Address: 115 Anderson Street

Hours: Fridays 10pm to 6am

Tel: 076 217 5476

### **Back2Basix**

The club hosts evenings with local musicians and rock groups such as Freshlyground, Tamara Dey and others.

Address: Cnr Perth and Lancaster roads, Westdene  
Hours: Mondays to Sundays 10am till late  
Tel: 011 726 6857  
Web: [www.back2basix.co.za](http://www.back2basix.co.za)

### **Bassline**

An Afro-jazz club, Bassline is a live events club that also hosts kwaito and hip hop artists.  
Address: 10 Henry Nxumalo Street, Newtown  
Tel: 011 838 9145  
Open: Mondays to Fridays 9am to 5pm

### **The Red Room**

The Red Room has been around since 2003 and every Saturday night they play alternative classics, past and future, with their regular DJs Tyron and Ashton. Shake your booty every Saturday night to music worth listening to in a lush red interior at the thinking party animals best night prowl.

Address: Cnr Juice Street and Beyers Naude Drive, Honeydew  
Hours: Saturdays 9pm till late  
Tel: 011 463 8901  
Web: [www.redroom.co.za](http://www.redroom.co.za)

### **Carfax**

Carfax is an institution, boasting possibly the most progressive arts scene in Johannesburg. It is the showcase for upcoming and established music, fine art, theatre, dance and other variations falling under the category of "arts". A venue for those into alternative things.  
Open: Weekdays 9pm to, Fridays/Saturdays 9:30pm till late  
Music: depends on event, mainly funk house  
Address: 39 Pim Street, Newtown  
Tel: 011 834 9187  
Website: [www.carfax.co.za](http://www.carfax.co.za)  
E-mail: [carfax@mweb.co.za](mailto:carfax@mweb.co.za)

## **Restaurants**

**Cuisine** R150+ per person

**Informal** R80 – R150 per person

### **Auberge Michel** **Cuisine**

Modern French cuisine with a hint of Asian influence is on offer at this sophisticated restaurant. This pricy restaurant has a chic interior, which is minimalist and elegant. Excellent choice.  
Address: 122 Pretoria Avenue, Sandown  
Tel: 011 883 7013  
Website: [www.aubergemichel.co.za](http://www.aubergemichel.co.za)

### **Casalinga** **Cuisine**

Casalinga is an elegant Italian country restaurant in Muldersdrift. It is the Ideal setting for tasteful dinners. Casalinga's delicious fare has established it as one of Gauteng's leading restaurants for the past 18 years.

Address: Rocky Ridge Road, Off Beyers Naudé Drive, Muldersdrift (Opposite Garden World Nursery)

Tel: 011 561 3222

Website: [www.casalinga.co.za](http://www.casalinga.co.za)

### **The Fat Olive Country Restaurant** Informal

Set in old stables that have been transformed into a contemporary haven, with views over the Magaliesberg valleys. On offer is a wonderful seasonal menu that's as good as it's affordable. The food is contemporary.

Address: Lammermoor Country Estate, 92 Homestead Drive, Muldersdrift

Tel: 083 794 1348

### **Lekgotla** Cuisine Informal

Lekgotla serves local produce prepared to international standards, inspired by the riches of the African continent's cultures and plated to reflect modern style. This is an excellent African-cuisine restaurant and can be good value.

Address: Nelson Mandela Square, Rivonia Road, Sandton

Tel: 011 884 9555

Website: [www.lekgotla.com](http://www.lekgotla.com)

### **Linger Longer** Cuisine

This restaurant has an international, South African flavour. You will enjoy the old-world charm of Linger Longer with its outstanding dishes and imaginative menu.

Address: Wierda Valley, 58 Wierda Road West, Sandton

Tel: 011 884 0465

### **Montecasino** Cuisine Informal

This is a perfect venue for a fun-filled night out, with bars, restaurants and live entertainment. The selection of bars and restaurants will satisfy any taste and the casino will keep all those keen gamblers busy.

Address: Montecasino Boulevard, Fourways

Tel: 011 510 7000

Website: [www.montecasino.co.za](http://www.montecasino.co.za)

### **Moya** Cuisine

This restaurant boasts an incredible location, overlooking Zoo Lake which is the perfect place for al fresco dining. The menu offers an eclectic range of African-inspired cuisine. Prepare to spend a large amount of time here.

Address: Zoo Lake Park

1 Prince of Wales Drive

Parkview

Tel: 011 646 0058

Website: [www.moyo.co.za](http://www.moyo.co.za)

### **Rodizio** Informal

This South African grill restaurant is cheap and cheerful and famous for its "all-you-can-eat" Meat Rodizio.

Address: The Leaping Frog Centre corner of William Nicol Drive and Mulbarton Roads, Fourways

Tel: 011 483 1910

## **Roots Cuisine**

Recently voted one of the top restaurants in South Africa, Roots has an African minimalist theme and is 5 star all the way. The food is a mixture between contemporary, African, Asian and French. Be prepared for a long day out at this restaurant, where you can savour your many courses.

Address: Forum Homini Boutique Hotel, Letamo Game Reserve, Bartlett Road, Kromdraai, Krugersdorp.

Tel: 011 668 7000

Website: [www.forumhomini.co.za](http://www.forumhomini.co.za)

## **Attractions**

### **Constitution Hill**

Constitution Hill is where thousands of black men were imprisoned, and brutalised. The inside of the prison block has been restored and the buildings look as they did when this was a working prison. Visitors to Constitution Hill get a guided tour of all prison buildings and exhibitions

### **Soweto**

Soweto is the most populous black urban residential area in the country, with Census 2001 putting its population at 896 995. Thanks to its proximity to Johannesburg, the economic hub of the country, it is also the most metropolitan township in the country - setting trends in politics, fashion, music, dance and language.

### **Johannesburg Zoo**

The zoo is a sprawling 54 hectares in central Parktown, with plenty of trees, water features and beautiful walks. The stars of the show are, of course, the animals and the collection is impressive. There are lions, tigers, elephants, gorillas, chimpanzees, sable antelope, bat-eared foxes and polar bears among the 2 070 animals, representing 365 different species. While its core business is the accommodation, enrichment, husbandry and medical care of wild animals, the Johannesburg Zoo also offers a variety of educational and entertainment programmes.

Address: Upper Park Drive, Forest Town

Tel: 011 646 2000

Web: [www.jhbzoo.co.za](http://www.jhbzoo.co.za)

### **Apartheid Museum**

This extraordinarily powerful museum has already become the city's leading tourist attraction, an obligatory stop for visitors and residents alike. The Museum, with its large blown-up photographs, metal cages and numerous monitors recording continuous replays of apartheid scenes set in a double volume ceiling, concrete and red brick walls and grey concrete floor, is next to the Gold Reef City Casino, five kilometres south of the city centre.

Address: cnr Gold Reef and Northern Parkway Roads. Take the Booyens offramp on the M1 south, and follow the signs to the Museum.

Tel: 011 416 1822

Web: [www.apartheidmuseum.org](http://www.apartheidmuseum.org)

### **The Gold Mine @ Gold Reef City**

Take your next tippie almost a quarter of a kilometre underground in a donkey-stable pub in what used to be one of the world's richest and deepest gold mines. That is, of course, if you don't mind damp, dark places and don't suffer from claustrophobia.

Address: Gold Reef City is about six kilometres south of the city. Take the M1 South and follow the signs from the freeway.

Tel: 011 248 6800

### **Civic Theatre**

The Johannesburg Civic Theatre is South Africa's leading home of live entertainment, presenting world-class international and home-grown theatre. With three theatres, a cosy café, rooms for private dining or corporate functions, dance studios and an innovative art gallery, the Johannesburg Civic Theatre is an exciting, bustling venue from early morning to late at night.

Address: Loveday Street, Braamfontein

Tel: 011 877 6800

Fax: 011 877 6812

Email: [info@showbusiness.co.za](mailto:info@showbusiness.co.za)

## **Outdoor**

### **Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve**

It's Johannesburg's best-kept back-to-nature secret: just 11km from the city centre is an unspoilt 680-hectare stretch of veld and koppies, filled with 150 species of birds and 650 indigenous plants and trees, with the pleasant Bloubosspruit flowing idly through it. The Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve is a perfect place to quickly escape the stresses of the city.

Address: cnr Impala and Kliprivier Road, Kibler Park

Tel: 011 712 6600

Web: [www.footprint.co.za](http://www.footprint.co.za)

### **Walter Sisulu National Botanical Garden**

The garden is a delight of immaculate lawns and shady trees for picnics, combined with open veld with indigenous grasses, shrubs and trees. A spectacular waterfall cascades down a cliff face, and if you walk to the top of the waterfall, you'll have a view of a black eagle's nest. At night it takes on a special feel, with the towering koppies providing an eery backdrop.

Address: Malcolm Road, Poortview, Roodepoort

Tel: 011 958 1750

Fax: 011 958 1752

Email: [sisulugarden@sanbi.org](mailto:sisulugarden@sanbi.org)

Web: [www.sanbi.org/sisulu/mainpage.htm](http://www.sanbi.org/sisulu/mainpage.htm)

### **Pure Rush Industries**

Pure Rush Industries rap jumps off two Johannesburg buildings: one of 22 floors in Edenvale, another of 24 floors in Braamfontein. And you don't need any abseiling skills - just a few minutes of training on site. And if you get hooked, you can go away for a weekend to Mpumalanga and tackle several cliffs. There's no age limit: the youngest rap jumper was seven years old, who jumped in tandem, the oldest 74. Cost is R200 for three jumps.

Tel: 082 605 1150

Email: [info@purerush.co.za](mailto:info@purerush.co.za)

Web: [www.purerush.co.za](http://www.purerush.co.za)

### **Balloon Safaris**

Now you're ready for a total lift-off. Try a balloon trip over the Magaliesberg, 50 kilometres north-west of the city. Balloon Safaris will take six to 18 people on a one-hour flight over the mountain and bring you back to a full champagne breakfast. You'll have coffee and biscuits while the crew inflates the balloon, and sip champagne while gently floating over the earth. You'll have to get up early - it's a 6am start.

Tel: 011 705 3201

Email: [website@balloon.co.za](mailto:website@balloon.co.za)

Web: [www.balloon.co.za](http://www.balloon.co.za)

### **Adventure Caving**

It's time now to go underground. Scared of the dark, heights, and suffering from claustrophobia? Well, now you can tackle all three fears in one go by going caving in several dark, deep, and at times tight caves at the Cradle of Humankind at Sterkfontein. There are eight different caves of varying grades, and once you're kitted out with a helmet with torch, hiking boots, some basic instruction in abseiling and rock climbing and a trusty guide, you can tackle the starter cave of 4 000 square metres.

Tel: 082 731 4696

Email: [info@govertical.co.za](mailto:info@govertical.co.za)

Web: [www.gotrekking.co.za](http://www.gotrekking.co.za)

## **Shopping Centre's & Markets**

### **Sandton City**

The premier shopping centre in Southern Africa, Sandton City is a delight of uniquely local flavour interwoven with contemporary global flair. This prestigious destination is considered the hub of tantalising trends and enticing elegance - the place to meet, to shop, to be seen.

Cosmopolitan and zesty, Sandton City is located in Sandton's prestigious CBD and offers an exclusive shopping and entertainment experience in breathtaking surroundings.

Address: Cnr Sandton Drive and Rivonia Road, Sandton

Tel: 011 883 2011/ 217 6000

Fax: 011 883 0978

Web: [www.sandtoncity.com](http://www.sandtoncity.com)

### **Village Walk**

The Village Walk is best known for its wide variety of restaurants, bars and coffee shops, most of which have outdoor tables. The environment is secure and offers shoppers an airy change from bigger, busier malls.

Address: Cnr Maude Street and Rivonia Road, Sandown

Tel: 011 783 4620

Web: [www.villagewalk.co.za](http://www.villagewalk.co.za)

### **Fourways Mall**

Dine and browse to your heart's content through supermarkets, boutiques, chain stores, shoe shops and cinemas. There is also a miniature golf course for additional entertainment.

Address: Witkoppen Road, Fourways

Tel: 011 465 6095/ 9375

Fax: 011 705 2788

Web: [www.fourwaysmall.com](http://www.fourwaysmall.com)

### **Rooftop Market**

The Rooftop Market is regarded by many as South Africa's best flea market, and is well patronised by locals as well as tourists. More than 500 stalls offer quality clothing, beautiful ceramics, art and craft objects, antiques and collectibles.

Address: Rosebank Mall, 50 Bath Ave, Rosebank

Tel: 011 442 4488

Web: [www.craft.co.za/rooftop.htm](http://www.craft.co.za/rooftop.htm)

Open: Sundays and public holidays 9.30am - 5pm

### **African Flea Market**

See and buy beautiful craftwork from all over Africa including pieces from Zimbabwe, Namibia and the Congo.

Address: Between Cradock and Bath Ave, Rosebank Mall, Rosebank

Telephone: 011 880 2906

Website: [www.craft.co.za/african.aspx](http://www.craft.co.za/african.aspx)

Open: Every day from 9am to 5pm

### **Stadia**

1. Soccer City Stadium-the flagship stadium for 2010 World Cup  
Nasrec Road, Nasrec  
Capacity: 94 700
2. Ellis Park  
Situated in the middle of Johannesburg  
Capacity: 91 000

### **Unsafe Areas**

Johannesburg is known to be rather dangerous so visitors should be alert at all times and take the necessary precautions as mentioned in the Safety tips, to avoid becoming victims of crime.

### **Safety Tips**

Avoid walking alone after dark. Stick to crowded areas and keep your belongings close and concealed. Rather take a taxi than walk through unlit areas. Don't exhibit mobile phones, cameras, cash or valuables in the open. Watch out for pick-pockets.

Street children and beggars may approach you for a hand out. Many social workers counsel against giving money to the children as it usually gets handed over to some older figure or is used for sniffing glue. If you wish to do good for these children, rather give them food.

When driving, keep car doors locked and be aware of loiterers standing around at traffic lights. You should also be aware of who is in the immediate vicinity when getting into or out of your vehicle in the parking lot at the supermarket or mall.

It's advisable not to leave bags, cameras, mobile phones etc lying around on car seats, thieves are known to break the windows, snatch valuables and disappear into the crowd.

Ensure that hired or borrowed vehicles are reliable, recent models that have been serviced recently. Make sure that you have sufficient fuel for your journey and avoid stopping unnecessarily on the highway.