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Joburg: The City That Celebrates You This Holiday Season

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This December, skip the long queues and airport stress - and rediscover the magic of Johannesburg, a city that's bursting with culture, creativity and festive cheer. Whether you're a lifelong local or a curious explorer, Joburg invites you to experience a staycation like no other.

From sunrise hikes to sunset cocktails, Joburg offers a kaleidoscope of experiences. Wander through leafy escapes like The Wilds and the Johannesburg Botanical Gardens, or take in panoramic views from a hot air balloon ride over Maropeng. For thrill-seekers, the iconic Soweto Towers promise adrenaline-pumping adventures, while families can enjoy the dazzling Festival of Lights at Joburg Zoo or the rollercoasters at Gold Reef City.

History buffs can trace South Africa's journey at Constitution Hill, the Apartheid Museum, and the Nelson Mandela Museum. Meanwhile, urban explorers will find their rhythm in Braamfontein's Playground Market, the creative buzz of Maboneng, and the community spirit of Soweto's Makhelwane Festival - returning from 14 to 15 December 2025 in Orlando West.

Retail therapy awaits in Sandton, Rosebank, and Melrose Arch, where festive lights meet luxury brands. After shopping, indulge in Joburg's culinary scene - from fine dining at Marble, Pigalle and Saints to authentic township flavours at Sakhumzi's, The Braai Room, or Kwa Mai Mai.

As the sun sets, Joburg comes alive with music and nightlife. Dance the night away at Louis Rosebank, sip cocktails at The Monarch Hotel, or enjoy the vibe at Gemelli in Bryanston. For theatre lovers, the annual pantomime at Joburg Theatre offers festive fun for all ages.

Sports fans can rally behind the Proteas this summer as the DP World Wanderers Stadium hosts a thrilling lineup of international cricket. Catch the action on 19 December with the SA vs Ireland Women's one-day international ODI), followed by the Men's Twenty20 International (T20i) between South Africa and the West Indies on 31 January 2026.

This season, Joburg isn't just a place to be - it's a place to belong. Whether you're chasing adventure, soaking up culture, or simply unwinding with loved ones, the city offers endless ways to celebrate. So, pack your curiosity, bring your festive spirit and rediscover Johannesburg - the ultimate staycation destination.

Must-Visit Attractions This Festive Season:

- Apartheid Museum
- Constitution Hill
- Nelson Mandela Museum
- Gold Reef City
- The Wilds Nature Reserve
- Johannesburg Botanical Gardens
- Johannesburg Zoo & Festival of Lights
- Soweto Towers
- Red City Sightseeing Bus Tours
- Makhelwane Festival

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Johannesburg is the largest city in South Africa and serves as the economic and cultural hub of the country. With its rich history, diverse population and thriving arts scene, Johannesburg offers a unique and unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages. Johannesburg Tourism Company is a destination management organisation (DMO) of the City of Johannesburg, dedicated to promoting the destination's tourism growth. Its primary function is to promote Joburg as a business, lifestyle, sport and leisure destination,

both locally and internationally. Its operations include running a Convention Bureau, a Visitor Services Bureau, as well as co-ordinating city-wide tourism marketing programmes, tourism information gathering and analysis.