

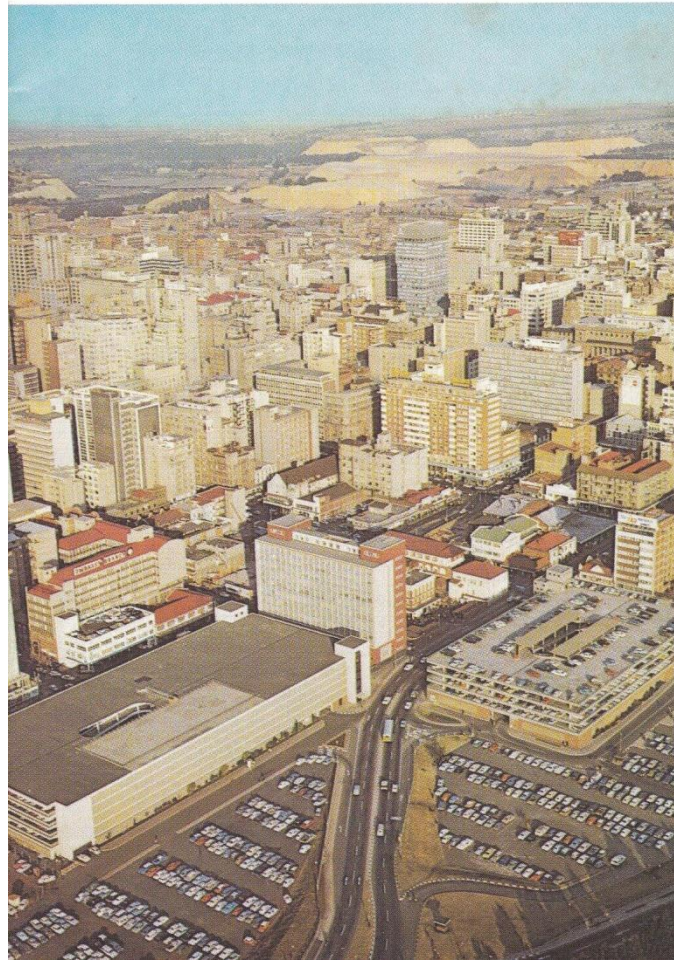


SAS CITY PORTRAIT

Johannesburg

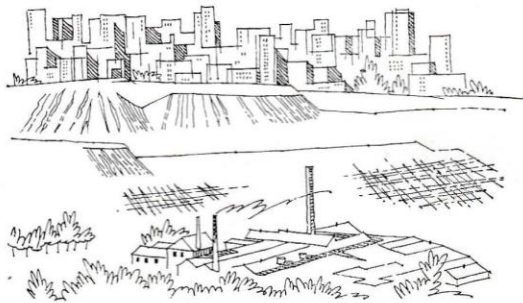
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Front cover: Johannesburg - looking south to the mine dumps.

Introduction

Johannesburg's status in the Republic of South Africa seems oddly devoid of official life. It is, after all, neither the administrative capital of the Republic (which is Pretoria), nor its seat of legislature (which is Cape Town); not even its judicial capital (which is Bloemfontein).

Instead – and that's how it strikes one – it has succeeded in becoming the largest city in the whole of South Africa, a thriving, strikingly handsome city at that. All in little more than one man's lifespan.

In 1886, two years before the founding of De Beers, a prospector named George Harrison stumbled on an outcrop of the gigantic gold reef that stretches for miles across the veld of the Witwatersrand.

His discovery brought more than a rush of strike-it-richers. Here erupted a cosmopolitan metropolis: today's Johannesburg. Replete with skyscraper business houses, first-class restaurants, luxurious hotels, superb stores, sports facilities, fine art galleries, museums and buzzing places of entertainment.

Its population numbers 1,150,000 – far cry from the 100,000 diggers who first established a gold-boom community in the Randjeslaagte district, now downtown Johannesburg.

Typical of the omnipresent evidence pointing to Johannesburg's vigorous growth – enough sometimes to leave any visitor breathless – is the Stock Exchange on Main Street. It is the fourth Stock Exchange building to be erected here within 73 years.

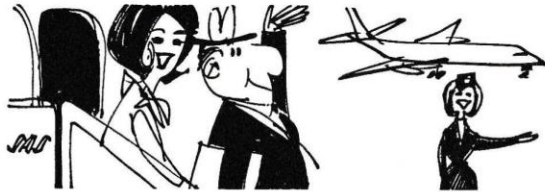
One other factor might find the visitor short of breath. High on the slopes of the Witwatersrand Range, Johannesburg stands, almost 6,000 ft. (1,800 meters) above sea level. It's a level that may require acclimatization – an acclimatization, however, that takes only hours, and once acclimatized, you'll find the rarified air delightfully bracing.

"The Golden City", for such Johannesburg is still justly called, is the center of the world's largest gold mining industry. Gold and uranium are its principal sources of

income although thriving secondary industries are currently instrumental in securing for the community a high standard of living.

The official languages are English and Afrikaans, but in many hotels, restaurants, stores, etc. French, Italian and German are also understood. The city, in fact, has "colonies" of settlers – French, Portuguese, Italian, Greek and many other nationalities.

Yet in the final count, perhaps you'll spend most of your time in Johannesburg, *outside* it. For in addition to its own attractions as a contemporary, exciting city set in a framework of beautiful scenery, Johannesburg is also a convenient headquarters for excursions to some fascinating world-renowned spots. A trip to either the Kruger National Park, with its abundance of wild life, or the awe-inspiring Victoria Falls will leave you in no doubt as to this.



Entry regulations

For entry into South Africa you must be in possession of a valid passport, a return ticket, and, if not a citizen of the United Kingdom, you may also require a visa. Everyone must have a certificate of vaccination against smallpox, and those who have travelled through infected areas before arriving in South Africa must also have certificates of inoculation against yellow fever.

The following may be taken into the country free of duty:

1 liter of spirits and liqueurs, 1 liter bottle of wine, 400 cigarettes and 50 cigars and 8 ozs. of tobacco, 8 ozs. perfume.

Your arrival in Johannesburg

All SAS aircraft land at Jan Smuts Airport, about 17 miles (27 kms.) northeast of the city center. Your health certificates will be inspected on board, after which the



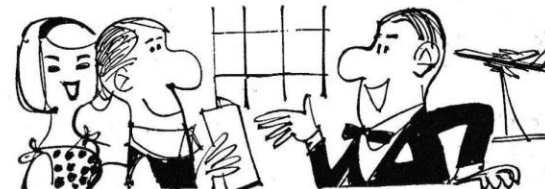
ground hostess will conduct you to the Arrival Hall where immigration, currency and customs control take place.

You may change money at the bank in the Arrival Hall. In the Departure Hall there is a restaurant, bar, post and telegraph office, as well as an information desk where attendants will summon taxis for you if required. A coach departs for the City Terminal approximately 10 minutes after customs inspection has been completed – departures are announced over the loudspeaker system in the Arrival/Departure Hall.

A taxi to the city will cost approximately 7 Rands (see "Currency" below) plus 10% tip; the trip lasts about 30 minutes. Alternatively, the coach takes 40 minutes and costs 60 cents. If you have arranged in advance for a self-drive or chauffeur-driven car through the SAS Car Hire Service, then check with the personnel at the SAS office.

Currency: The monetary unit of South Africa is the Rand (divided into 100 cents (abbreviated R and c). Notes are issued in values of R1, R5 and R10. There are also nickel coins to the value of 50, 20, 10 and 5 cents and copper coins of 1 and 2 cents.

If you intend leaving Johannesburg by SAS, please confirm your reservation with the SAS Office (H8 – Carlton Centre, Commissioner Street, tel. 21-3003) as soon as possible after your arrival. It's also a good idea to inform the office of your hotel address so that you may be advised at once should any message arrive for you.





Hotels

The official publication "Guide to the Hotels of South Africa" lists some 150 Johannesburg hotels and provides, into the bargain, a mine of information about each. All listed are of good standard. Additionally, they are broken down into class categories.

Alternatively contact, in advance, your SAS Travel Agent or Office. Either can offer you, through the SAS Travel Planning Service, detailed information on all hotels, and speedy confirmation of accommodation in some instances.

Should you arrive unbooked, then contact the Johannesburg Tourist Information Office on the corner of Eloff and de Villiers Streets (G3), open 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Saturdays, when it closes at 12 p.m.

Below we list a selection of choice hotels, all of which possess an à la carte restaurant, are licensed to serve wine, spirits and beer, provide garage space and offer rooms with private bath and telephone.

Hotels

Carlton Hotel (H8/9)
Main Street
Tel. 21-8911
(open Oct. 1972)

Casa Mia (off map)
Soper Road
Berea
Tel. 44-0951
Swimming pool

Criterion (F6)
156 Jeppe Street
Tel. 22-0304

Dawson's (G7)
117 President Street
Tel. 22-0531

The Tollman Towers (I6)
Kerk and von Williegh Sts.
Tel. 23-0551

Golden City Hotel (G4)
De Villiers Street
Tel. 836-2911

New Skyline Hotel (off map)
Twist and Pretoria Streets
Hillbrow
Tel. 44-9171

New Library (C8)
67 Commissioner Street
Tel. 834-1441

Maxime Hotel (L2)
Bok and Banket Streets
Joubert Park
Tel. 724-3302

Moulin Rouge (off map)
Claim Street
Hillbrow
Tel. 725-4840

Hotel President (G4)
Corner of Eloff and
Plein Streets
Tel. 28-1414
Swimming pool

Rand International (I5)
Bree Street
Box 4235
Tel. 836-7911

Sunnyside Park (off map)
York Road
Parktown
Tel. 44-1071
Swimming pool

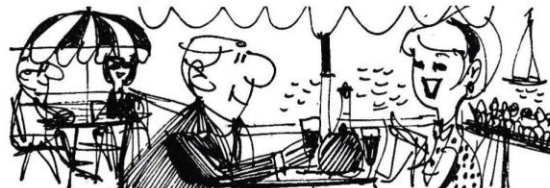
Waldorf (G5)
Eloff Street
Tel. 22-8693

Holiday Inn (off map)
Jan Smuts Airport

Note: Voltage for electrical appliances in Johannesburg hotels is 220 Volts A.C.

Restaurants and cuisine

Because the food and service are, on the average, unusually high in the hotels of Johannesburg, many visitors take their meals there. Indeed, on Sundays, few other restaurants are open. Certain of the smaller eating-places whilst serving very good food are not licensed to serve alcoholic beverages. However, in such establishments guests are permitted to bring their own wine. For less expensive eating, the visitor might go to the restaurants of one or other of the department stores (lunch only) or to any of the many cafés and tea-rooms where light meals may be obtained.



In the leading restaurants, a full lunch or dinner with wine costs R4 or a little over, while in the smaller establishments you can enjoy simple yet adequate meals, with coffee, for about R1.50.

International

The Three Ships (H8/9)

Carlton Hotel
Main Street
(open Oct. 1972)

Palazzo (I6)

Tollman Towers
Kerk Street
Tel. 23-0551

Licensed. Price range: R4 to R6.

Colony (off map)

Hyde Park Hotel
Craighall Park
Tel. 42-7451

Licensed. Dancing Tuesday to Saturday. Price range: R4.

Kyalami Ranch (off map)

Pretoria Road
via Iscor
Tel. 706-1201

Licensed. Dancing Friday and Saturday.

Mirabelle (off map)

Casa Mia Hotel
37 Soper Road
Berea
Tel. 44-0951

Licensed. Dancing nightly.

Spaghi's (G8)

124 Market Street
Tel. 23-2426

Licensed. Dancing nightly.

Golden Cockerel (I5)

Rand International
Bree Street
Tel. 836-7911

Licensed.

Chinese

Bamboo Inn (off map)

Bree and Quartz Streets
Tel. 22-7194

Licensed.

Tung Fong (J3)

84 Noord Street
Tel. 23-5661

French

Chez Andre (G8)

47 Kruis Street
Tel. 23-3662

Licensed.

Italian

Pizzeria Bella Napoli
(off map)

31 Pretoria Road
Hillbrow
Tel. 44-9450

Licensed.

Arrivederci (off map)

Bok Street
Hillbrow
Tel. 724-2784

Licensed.

Swiss

Woodpecker Inn (I5)

251 Bree Street
Tel. 23-2817

Licensed. Dancing nightly.

What to eat

Meat is a staple food of the South African, and the local steaks will satisfy every gourmet. The fish is excellent, too – although Johannesburg is an inland city – and is available in manifold dishes. Try, for example, shellfish, lobster tails, crayfish, also rock oysters. A popular local dish is fresh “mealies” (corn on the cob). Other specialties include boerwors (a home-made sausage), tomato bredie (stew) and sout ribbetjie (salted ribs of mutton).

What to drink

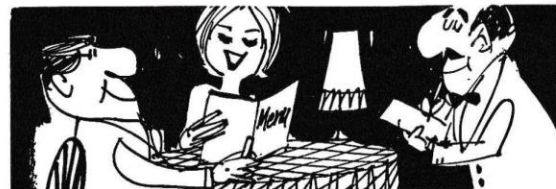
In addition to the usual international drinks – both alcoholic and non-alcoholic – there are some 3,000 different brands of South African wine and 300 varieties of local brandy to choose from. All are the product of generations of experience.

Refugees from French wine-growing districts were among the early settlers in the Cape Province where the great wine-producing areas of South Africa are located.

Zonnebloem Cabernet and Nederburg Selected Cabernet are especially good red wines, while Grunberger Stein and Carlsheim are excellent white wines. The local sherries are delicious and, like the wine, exceptionally reasonable in cost. A firm favorite is the famous tangerine-flavored Van der Hum. South African beer is also of very high quality.

A bottle of Scotch whisky costs approximately R4.80, and a bottle of local brandy or gin costs around R3.30. You can obtain a bottle of South African champagne for as little as R1.50. Spirits are served in hotels, bars, and most restaurants. Bars are open from 10 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. except Sundays. Ladies are not admitted to public bars, but may be served in hotel lounges, restaurants and cocktail bars.

Footnote: The tap water is pure and visitors need not hesitate to drink it.





Sights and excursions

Essentially a new city, Johannesburg has little to offer in the way of historic buildings and monuments to the past. Rather, its attractions lie in the unusual . . . a visit to a gold-mine, for example, a diamond-cutting works, or attendance at a performance of colorful native dances.

The best way to get the feel of the city and what it has to offer, is to join a sightseeing coach tour. There is a municipal bus tour of the city on Sundays and public holidays commencing at 2.30 p.m. The charge, 25c; the departure-point, Van der Bijl Square, corner of Eloff & Main Streets (F9).

Chauffeur-driven or self-drive cars are also available for tours in and around the city. (Telephone the SAS Office: 21-3003.)

Alternatively, should you prefer to go it alone, then the short descriptions below (the references in parenthesis apply to the map on the center spread) will help you to find your way about.

Gold Mines. Guided tours of the surface and underground workings of gold mines take place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings the year through, except in December. Some of the shafts go as deep as 11,000 ft. (3,370 meters). To arrange a visit, contact – well in advance – the Public Relations Department of the Transvaal and Orange Free State Chamber of Mines, Room 210, Chamber of Mines Building, Main and Hollard Streets, tel. 838-8211.

Diamond Cutting Works. Next to gold, “diamonds are South Africa’s best friend”. There are some 40 diamond-cutting establishments in Johannesburg. Visits to any or a number of these are possible through the Visitors Bureau, tel. 23-2324.

Tribal Dances. Thousands of Bantu tribesmen are employed in the mines, and on 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month tribal dance competitions are held at one or other of Johannesburg’s mine compounds. These dances – widely represen-

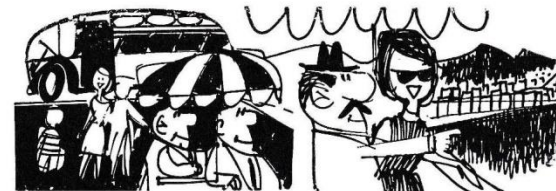
tative of many African tribes – are often adaptations of the originals which, in the villages, would be graced by the presence of women and children who would provide the music and singing for the colorful dancers. Entrance tickets to witness the dances are necessary and can be obtained from the Enquiry Counter (ground floor) of the Chamber of Mines (for address and telephone see “Gold Mines”).

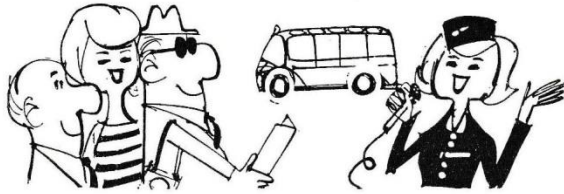
S.A.B.C. Tower, Brixton Ridge (off map). From the observation platform of this tower, 600 ft. (183 meters) above ground level, you can enjoy a superb view of the city and surrounding countryside. There is a lift to take you both up and down. Admission: Adults 25c, children 10c. The tower is open Mondays 2 to 11 p.m.; Tuesdays to Saturdays (excluding Thursdays) 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sundays 11.30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The Hall of South African Achievement (C9). Situated in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, Hollard Street, the Hall houses an exhibition – complete with animated, illuminated models – showing the mining and industrial wealth of South Africa. Guided tours of the Hall – which also include an opportunity to watch trading on the Stock Exchange Floor through an observation window – take place daily Monday to Friday 10.15, 11.30 a.m., and 2.30 p.m. Visitors should go to Suite 834 five minutes before the start of the tours.

The Stock Exchange (G9). You can watch trading on the Market Floor from the Public Gallery adjoining the Hall of South African Achievement. Open 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Application should be made to the Public Relations Department of the Stock Exchange, tel. 834-5711.

J. G. Strijdom Tower, Hillbrow (off map). Tallest building in Africa with total height of 269 meters above street level. Revolving restaurant, grill room, cocktail lounges and bars. Public Observation Deck (accommodating up to 200 people) provides 360 degree view from 24 large windows. Admission to Tower is 20 cents a visitor. Phone 44-6767 for reservations to the Revolving Restaurant or Grill Room.





The Art Gallery, Joubert Park (I3). The gallery, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, contains a fine art collection, including paintings by Degas, Renoir, Corot, Van Gogh, Bonnard, Raeburn and Augustus John, as well as latter works by Toulouse-Lautrec, Cézanne, Matisse and Picasso. There are also many Epstein and Henry Moores among the sculptures. Other absorbing exhibits include local-made lace, textiles, embroidery and 18th-century Cape Dutch furniture made from South African woods. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Mondays – during the summer months (October 1 to April 30) from 8 to 10 p.m. Closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday.

The Library (C7). The Johannesburg Public Library, built in 1935, is regarded as one of the most imposing buildings in South Africa. As well as a fine range of modern books, the library houses the Africana Museum and the Geological Museum. These are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, Sundays 2 to 6 p.m.

Johannesburg Station (F/G3). This striking city landmark houses the Railway Museum, which contains items of interest in the development of transport in South Africa since 1860. Open weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Zeiss Planetarium (in the grounds of Witwatersrand University – off B1). Under the seventy-foot dome of this air-conditioned, seat-filled planetarium, you can view nearly nine thousand stars. Open Tuesday to Friday at 8.30 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 and 8.30 p.m.; Sundays and Public Holidays 4 p.m. Admission fee: 30–40c.

Witwatersrand University (off B1). Almost the entire university is open to the public and you can arrange a visit through the Public Relations Officer (tel. 724–1311). The University was founded in 1921, and Jan Smuts House – memorial to the late Field-Marshal Jan Christiaan Smuts – is of particular interest. An exact replica of General Smuts' library as it was at his farm in Pretoria is housed on the first floor with his original books and furnishings.

The Zoological Gardens (off map). Situated in the beautiful Hermann Eckstein Park, Johannesburg Zoo contains a wonderful selection of animals in environments similar to their natural habitat. Admission: Adults – 20c, Children under 14 – free. Open daily, sunrise to sundown. The area of the Zoological Lake also offers the visitor boating, picnicking and refreshments.

The War Memorial and the War Museum (off map). Both are situated in the northeastern portion of the Zoological Gardens. The museum – an interesting permanent record of the part played by the South African Defence Forces in times of war – is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursdays 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Closed on Good Friday, Christmas Day and on Mondays. (Tel. 41-4703 or 41-2173).

The City Hall (E6/7). As well as the administrative office of the municipality, the City Hall contains a concert hall seating 2,800 (see "Entertainment and night life"), and Selbourne Hall where exhibitions, recitals, dances and the annual Eisteddfod are held. The building (including the Council Chamber) is open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. You can arrange to tour the building by telephoning the Public Relations Officer, 836-1911.

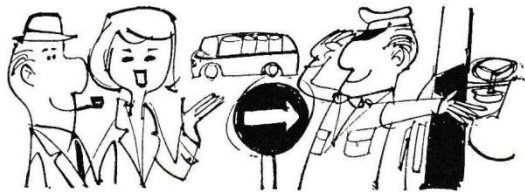
The Wilds. This beautiful 45-acre reserve, devoted to South African flora, is a delightful spot, especially in the Spring (September–October). It can be reached by taking a bus (No. 8, 8A or 8B) from Kerk and Loveday Streets.

Melrose Bird Sanctuary (off map). A natural bird sanctuary containing over 120 different species of birds. To reach it, take bus No. 2 from Pritchard and Rissik Streets.

Johannesburg Civic Theater (off E1). See "Entertainment and night life", chapter 2, page 23.

Carlton Centre (H8). Largest office/shopping complex in Southern Hemisphere.





Excursions

The Transvaal Snake Park

The Park lies halfway between Johannesburg and Pretoria and has a collection of over 1,000 snakes from all over the world.

Bantu Townships

Visits to these townships – an interesting insight into the life of the town-settled Bantu – may be arranged through the Information Office, Bantu Affairs Department, tel. 21-4911. There are also conducted tours, operating daily at 9 a.m.

Florida Lake

9 miles (14 kms.) west of the city, Florida Lake and its surroundings form a popular paradise for swimmers, boaters and anglers alike.

Germiston Lake

This attractive spot is less than 10 miles (16 kms.) to the east of Johannesburg and here you can picnic, row, sail or swim to your heart's content.

Boksburg

This important gold-mining and industrial center, 14 miles (22 kms.) east of the city, possesses, too, a fine lake (Cinderella Lake), which is the site of the East Rand Yacht Club.

Vereeniging

A popular place for boating, the pleasure-resort of Vereeniging stands on the banks of the Vaal River, 35 miles (58 kms.) south of Johannesburg. Here there is also a golf-course and facilities for flying and swimming.

PRETORIA

Pretoria, South Africa's administrative capital and Transvaal's capital since 1860, is widely known as the "Jacaranda City". (Every October, 60,000 jacaranda trees burst into bloom, covering the streets and avenue with a mist of unforgettable mauve.)

Its magnificent public buildings, churches and houses are architecturally amongst the best in the world, and the whole city exudes a quiet, dignified air. See for example, its Union Buildings, Seat of the Government, situated halfway up the Meintjeskop overlooking the city, and the Voortrekker Monument commemorating the Great Trek of the 1830's.

Pretoria's historic buildings include President Kruger's House in Church Street West, which is now a museum; the Raadsaal, now occupied by the Transvaal Provincial Administration, and the Palace of Justice, both in Church Square.

Pretoria can be reached by train or bus and the fare from Johannesburg is approx. R1.

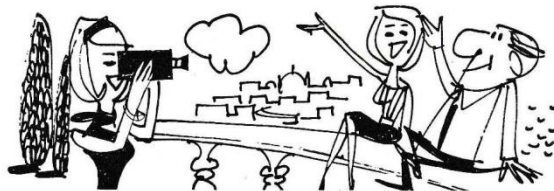
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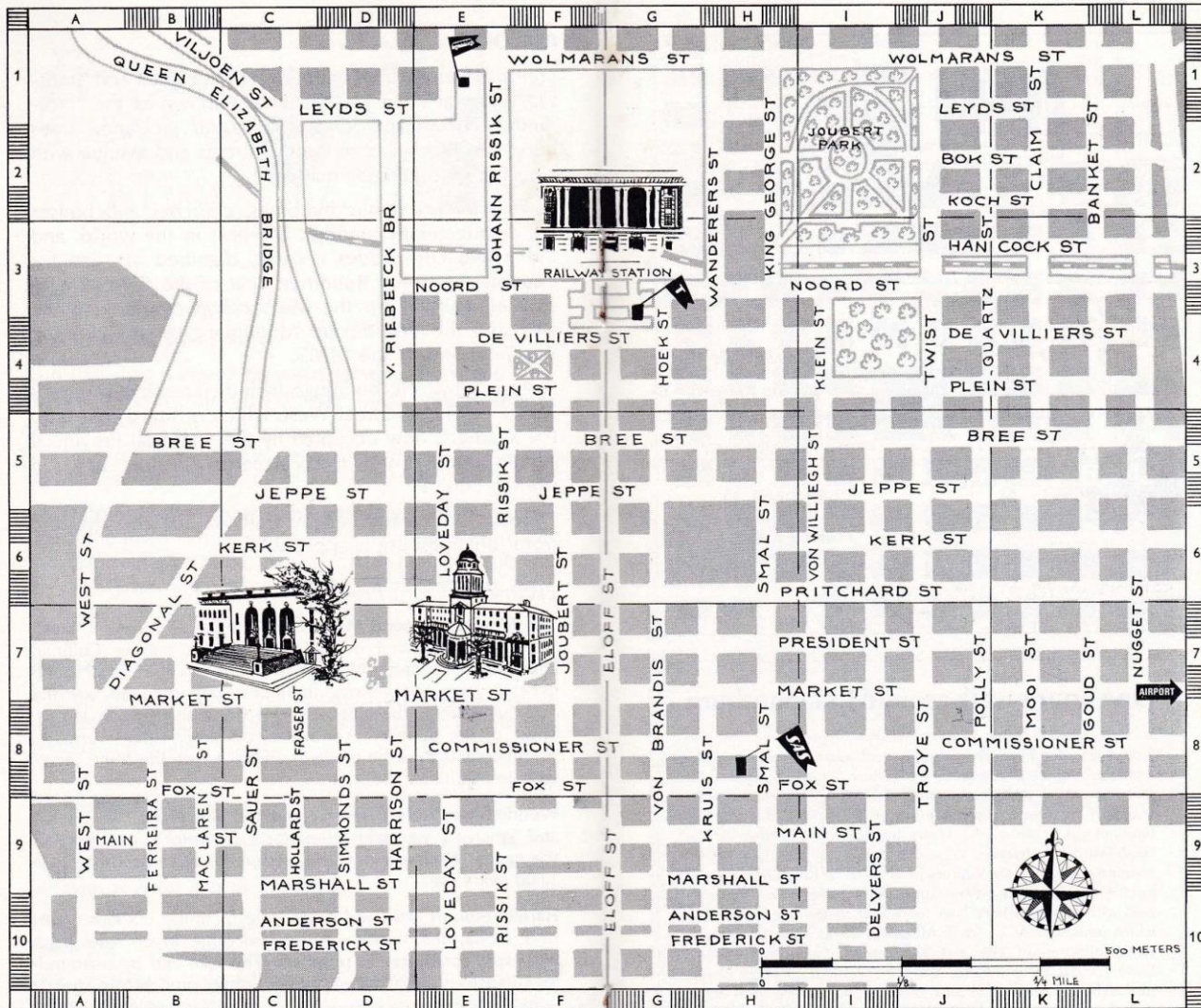
The Premier Diamond Mine. The Mine lies 25 miles (40 kms.) east of Pretoria, and it was here that the famous Cullinan Diamond, weighing 3,024 carats (about 1 1/3 lbs.), was found over 50 years ago. Among the stones cut from this was the "Star of Africa", the chief gem in the British Crown Jewels. Tours of the mine are conducted on Wednesday mornings. Arrangements must be made in advance with the Mine Secretary (tel. Cullinan 132).

Wonderboom Nature Reserve and Bird Sanctuary. The Reserve and Sanctuary lie eight miles north of Pretoria, and contain the aged "Wonderboom" fig tree, reputed to be more than 1,000 years old.

Hartebeespoort Dam and Lake. Here, 22 miles (35 kms.) west of Pretoria, the waters of the Crocodile River have been harnessed for irrigation purposes. The lake and its surroundings constitute a favorite boating, fishing, and picnic spot.

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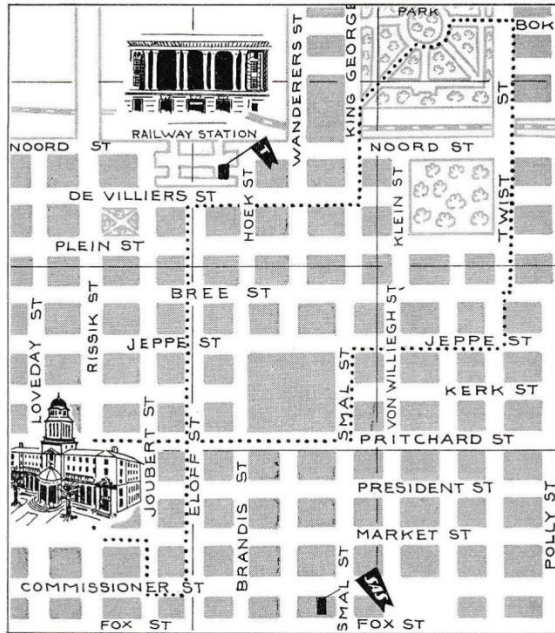
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Interesting sights in Johannesburg

- (C9) The Hall of South African Achievement.
- (C9) The Stock Exchange.
- (I3) The Art Gallery.
- (C7) The Library.
- (F/G3) Johannesburg Station.
- (E/67) The City Hall.
- (H8/9) The Carlton Centre.

Useful addresses

-  **SAS Ticket Office:** 8th floor, Carlton Centre, Commissioner St., tel. 21-3003. Open: Mondays-Fridays 8.30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays 8.30 a.m.-noon.
 -  **Air Terminal** (arrivals from and departures for Jan Smuts Airport): Terminal Bldg., Rissik St. (E1) (northwestern entrance to Railway Station).
 -  **Tourist Information Office:** The Johannesburg Publicity Association, South Station Building (Station entrance), corner of Eloff Street and De Villiers Street (G3). Tel. 23-2324. Open: Monday through Friday 8.30 a.m. - Saturday 8.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. The Publicity Association will be glad to furnish visitors to Johannesburg with map and other material of Johannesburg (free of charge).
- Distance from city center to airport: 17 miles (27 kms.).



One hour's walk around Johannesburg

Start at the SAS Office in Commissioner Street, turn right into Eloff Street, the main shopping street of Johannesburg, and continue along it until you reach De Villiers Street. There you will see, in front of you, the imposing Central Railway Station. This is one of the largest railway stations in the world and is also the terminus for many of the luxury bus services operated by the South African Railways.

Then proceed along De Villiers Street as far as King George Street turning left for Joubert Park. Stroll through the Park – you may well wish to return here later for a visit to the fine art gallery, which houses works by South African artists as well as a magnificent collection of 19th and 20th century European paintings. Leave Joubert Park, walking along Twist Street to Jeppe Street, turn right and proceed to Smal Street. Turn left into Smal Street and continue alongside the General Post Office and the Supreme Court. Turn right into Pritchard Street past front of Supreme Court and along to Rissik Street, another shopping street of Johannesburg. Turn left into Rissik Street and proceed past City Hall on your right and Old Post Office (still in use) on your left. Turn left into Market Street past the Oppenheimer Fountain, right into Joubert Street and down one block to Commissioner Street. Pass African Life Centre where there are a number of small boutiques in the arcade on the ground floor, cross Eloff Street and you are back again at the SAS Office.

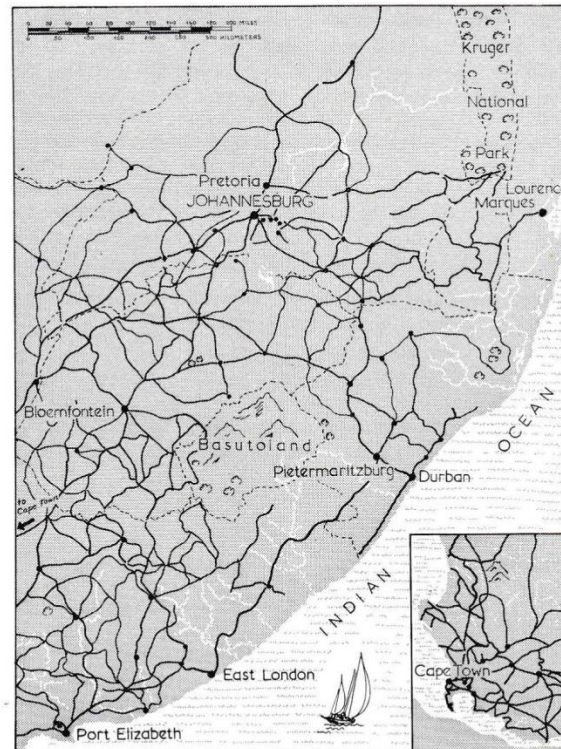
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CAPE TOWN

One of the most beautiful cities in the world, with a population of approximately 920,000, Cape Town is backed by the famous Table Mountain – the summit of which is 3,600 ft. (1,097 meters) high and can be reached by cablecar.

Founded in 1652 by Jan van Riebeeck as a refreshment station on the Dutch East India Company's sea-route to the East Indies, it is, today, the legislative capital of the Republic of South Africa and the country's prime seaport.

Its attractive amenities include international-standard hotels, pleasant shops, gay colorful flower markets and a flourishing night life.



The following are some of the more important sights:

The Old Town House, Green Market Square. Built in 1755, this houses the magnificent Michaelis collection of Dutch and Flemish paintings.

The South African National Gallery. This collection presents the story of the visual arts in South Africa in relationship to the arts of Britain, Holland and France (its founder nations). Open Tuesdays through Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays 2 to 5.30 p.m.

The South African Museum: Here you will find a unique collection of casts of Bushmen and Bantu tribesmen, taken from living models, as well as many other interesting exhibits, among them reconstructions of animals which inhabited South Africa 200 million years ago. Also open to the public are a planetarium and a Whaleshed. Open weekdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays 2 to 5 p.m.

The Castle. Situated at the end of Castle Street, the Castle is the oldest building in South Africa, being constructed in 1666. It contains a splendid collection of period furniture, historic paintings, glassware and china. Open every day between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.; guided tours every hour on the hour.

The National Botanical Gardens. These lie at Kirstenbosch on the eastern slopes of the Table Mountain – 8 miles (13 kms.) from Cape Town. You can take bus No. E6 from Plein Street.

Whilst in Cape Town you should try to go on the wonderful "Marine Drive", a breathtaking trip that takes you round the Cape promontory. There are regular tourist coach services between Cape Town and Durban, passing through some of the grandest scenery in South Africa, including the Garden Route and the Transkei Native Reserve. The Johannesburg Publicity Association (G3) or The Visitors' Information Bureau at 11 Adderley Street, Cape Town, will gladly assist you with detailed information.

DURBAN

Major port of the country, Durban handles more cargo than all the other South African harbors put together. It is an industrial city concerned with everything from oil refining to marine engineering, and yet it is also an attractive holiday resort. (A quarter of a million visitors flock to Durban every year.)

A city of some 60,000 people, Durban enjoys a semi-tropical climate and presents a breathtaking sight when its many trees and shrubs are in bloom. The environs are lovely and well worth exploring by car for those who have time to make Durban their headquarters for a few days.

Typical of the quaint local habits you can indulge in, is a ride in a rickshaw.

Try and visit:

The Beaches. The most popular are the North and South Beaches, and it is here that most of the holiday hotels are situated. These littorals provide excellent bathing and surfing during winter and summer.

Centenary Aquarium. Situated at the foot of West Street, Marineland is the Indian Ocean in miniature, containing an enormous, exotic and fascinating collection of fish.

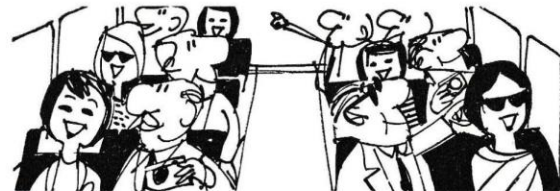
Snake Park. Located in Lower Marine Parade the Park harbors, under natural conditions, hundreds of poisonous snakes from all over Africa, also a number of crocodiles.

Indian Market. A noisy, bustling and intriguing place to hunt for bargains in Near Eastern curios and to taste tropical fruit and Indian sweetmeats.

Old Fort. The Fort was the bastion of the British Colonial Forces. It stands in Old Fort Road, near to Warrior's Gate, containing relics of early Natal history. (Open daily except Thursdays.)

The Durban Museum. The Museum, situated in the City Hall Building, contains among its varied exhibits rich collections of natural history material from Natal and Zululand.

Botanic Gardens. These occupy 50 acres on the Berea, and contain a wealth of tropical and subtropical flora. Particularly engaging is Durban's Orchid House, the first of its kind in Southern Africa.





You can travel to Durban from Johannesburg by direct train (the journey takes 15½ hours) or by plane (50 minutes). There is also a two-day motor-coach tour leaving Johannesburg on Sundays, stopping overnight at the Royal Natal National Park, a haven set amidst glorious mountain scenery.

A drive northwards along the coast from Durban brings you to the Hluhluwe Game Reserve where you may see the rare white rhinoceros, as well as other wild life.

There is a bus departure from Durban to Johannesburg via the Hluhluwe Game Reserve every other Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. Price: R83. You can also travel to Cape Town by coach from Durban – this leaves at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Contact the Durban Publicity Association at the corner of West and Church Streets for further information. For information on safaris to game reserves and other tours, contact Trans-Africa Safaris (tel. Johannesburg 838-1111).

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Approx. 275 miles (440 kms.) northeast of Johannesburg the Park may be reached by South African Railways coach, or conducted tour. Here you will enjoy the unusual sight of lion, elephant, giraffe, zebra, antelope and countless other wild animals in their natural habitat. You can put up in comfortable Rest Camps in this, possibly the world's most ideal location for a photo safari. For various reasons (the calving season, the state of roads etc.) the National Park is only open between May and October, but part of it – Pretorius Kop – may also be visited outside this period.

Various tour operators run a 4-day tour during which the participants are taken the length and breadth of the Park – all 7,340 square miles of it. The price varies from R40 upwards.

VICTORIA FALLS

In 1885 Dr. Livingstone discovered the greatest waterfalls in the world on the Zambesi River where Zambia and Rhodesia meet. Comprising the Main Falls (273 feet – 83 meters) and the Rainbow Falls (325 ft. – 99 meters) the Victoria Falls are truly one of the wonders of the world. Regular rail and air services operate from Johannesburg.

Entertainment and night life

Theater, cinema, ballet, to a lesser degree opera, symphony concerts, plus a wide variety of nightclubs and outdoor activities – Johannesburg offers almost every kind of urban entertainment.

Concerts: Symphony concerts by the South African Broadcasting Corporation's famous orchestra are a frequent feature of the City Hall's comprehensive cultural program (usually on Tuesdays over two seasons, commencing March and September). Sunday-night concerts and lunch hour performances are also part of the City's musical offering, and all but the symphony concerts are free to the public. Many of these recitals and orchestral performances are enhanced by visiting artists.

Ballet, Opera: Seasons of ballet and opera are presented from time to time – often in May and September – in the Johannesburg Civic Theater (off E1), Rissik Street, or at one of the main theaters.

Theater: Plays are performed regularly at the Johannesburg Civic Theater, Rissik Street (off E1); the Alexander Theater, Stiemens Street; Braamfontein; The Library Theater, Sauer Street (C7); The University Great Hall in The University grounds; the Y.M.C.A. Intimate Theater, Smit Street; The Brian Brooke Theater, De Villiers Street (E4).



Cinema: Cinemas run recent film releases and in some cases films in foreign languages.

Night spots: There is quite a wide choice of night spots to dance in, many of the restaurants having excellent bands (see under "Restaurants").

Tipping

The size of the tip you leave here is entirely a matter of discretion – although some hotels and restaurants have now introduced a mandatory 10% charge to cover service. In restaurants where this is not the practice, the average gratuity is 10%, while in hotels it is usual to tip the doorman 10 cents for summoning a taxi, or for any other small service. Luggage porters expect 20 cents, cloakroom attendants 10 cents, and taxi-drivers 10% of the meter charge. You should also tip hall porters. It is customary to tip hairdressers but not usherettes.



Shopping

The Johannesburg shops offer a first-class selection of merchandise, both local and imported. It is usually the former that comprises the real "game" for the souvenir hunter, and highly placed among the many speciality shops that sell – and ship – a wide variety of local-made articles are J. R. Ivy (124 Market Street – G8) and Gainsborough Galleries (62 von Brandis Street, next to Dawson's Hotel). An arrangement has been made with both these firms whereby SAS passengers may enjoy a discount on purchases.

Totem Curio Shop, situated behind the Rand International Hotel, at 207 Jeppe Street, is worth a visit and although no discount is available, a free souvenir is given on production of a special card which is available from the local SAS office.



Here for your guidance are some typical African-made souvenirs and average prices:

Native drums costing anything from R1.50 to R30. Zebra skins from R90 to R130. Native masks 70 cents to R4. Spears and beads R2 upwards. Carved ivory ornaments between 10 cents and R50.

(Check carefully the regulations governing the importation of skins into your own country before purchasing.)

The principal shopping streets are Eloff, Joubert, Rissik, and Pritchard (see map).

Business hours

Shops in Johannesburg are generally open from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

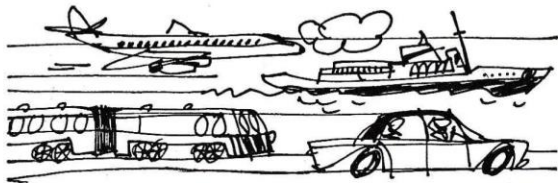
Most banks open from 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. except Wednesdays and Saturdays when they close at 1 p.m and 11 a.m. respectively.

Most offices are open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Saturdays.

Transportation

There are ample bus and trolleybus services in Johannesburg, the terminals being at Prichard, Loveday and Main Streets.





If you prefer a taxi, then you must order one by telephone (call 23-4555 or 22-5858). It is not customary to hail a cab here, rather you should pick one up at one of the ranks – at Pritchard/von Brandis Streets, Commissioner/Harrison Streets, Eloff/Commissioner Streets, Jeppe/Eloff Streets, or at the Railroad Station, De Villiers Street. The basis for taxi charges is 35c for the first quarter-mile and 30c per mile thereafter. Should you wish to journey outside the municipal area, the driver will quote a charge which covers only the outgoing journey, the return trip being assessed by meter.

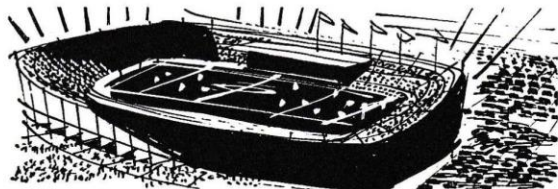
When traveling further afield, you may go by rail, motor coach or private car.

Sports

You will find facilities for almost every type of sport in Johannesburg.

Rugby, South Africa's national game, is played every Saturday afternoon during the winter months. Headquarters of the Rugby Football Union is Ellis Park (reached best by bus or taxi) where all first-class matches are played.

Soccer (football): Important national and international soccer matches take place at Wembley Stadium, south of the city and at Rand Stadium, Turffontein. During the season – April–October – matches are played on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

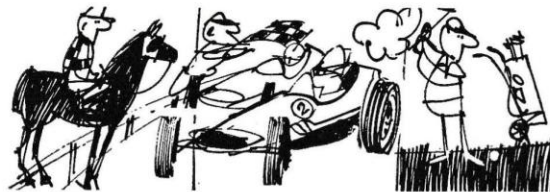


Horse racing: Johannesburg's principal racecourse is the Turffontein Racecourse. Here, approximately 30 meetings are held throughout the year. A full program of the meetings is obtainable from the Visitors' Bureau (G3).

Motor racing: The Grand Prix Circuit at Kyalami is the center of six national motor-races a year. The current circuit is about 16 miles from the City Hall and within easy reach.

Anglers will find plenty of opportunity for catching trout and black bass in the vicinity of Johannesburg, the fly-fishing season for trout in Transvaal being October through April, there being no closed season on black bass. Florida Lake and Hartbeespoort Dam are especially good places for both fishing and boating.

Cricket, a popular summer sport in Johannesburg, is played Saturdays and Sundays from October to March on grounds throughout the city. The more important matches take place at the Wanderer's Oval (reached best by bus or taxi).



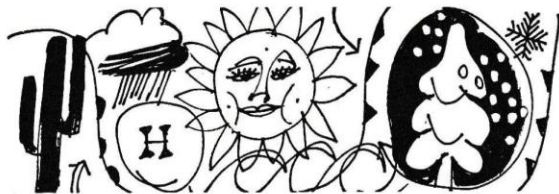
Golf: There are some 20 courses in the vicinity. The 18-hole Municipal Golf Course, situated at Huddle Park, is open to visitors. Fee of 70 cents includes the services of a caddy. The course is best reached by bus or taxi.

Tennis: All year round, important inter-provincial and international matches are staged at Ellis Park. The End Street courts are open to visitors.

Aquatic sports: If you prefer to swim there are Municipal Swimming Baths.

Climate and clothing

An average of nine hours sunshine daily speaks for itself. Certainly this "high veld" climate is among the most pleasant anywhere in the world. You will need



light clothing for most of your stay, though an item of thicker apparel is often a useful addition in the cool winter evenings. What little rain there is falls in summer (from September to April) so be well prepared then – bring along your raincoat. Formal dress is only necessary for very special occasions.

Average monthly temperatures:

	Max.		Min.			Max.		Min.	
	F	C	F	C		F	C	F	C
January	78°	26°	58°	15°	July	63°	17°	39°	4°
February	77°	25°	58°	-5°	August	68°	20°	43°	6°
March	75°	24°	55°	13°	September	73°	23°	48°	9°
April	72°	22°	50°	10°	October	77°	25°	53°	11°
May	66°	19°	43°	6°	November	77°	25°	55°	13°
June	62°	17°	39°	4°	December	78°	26°	57°	14°

Laundry and dry cleaning establishments are numerous and give fairly speedy service. If you prefer not to be bothered with such matters, place the problem in the hands of your hotel staff.

Special services

Business Contacts. Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce, 1st Floor, Allied Building, corner Bree and Rissik Streets. Tel. 23-2921, P.O. Box 687.

Automobile Association of South Africa. A.A. House, De Villiers Street, off Wanderers Street (off map). Tel. 23-1311.

General Information. The Visitors' Information Bureau, at the Railway Station entrance at the intersection of Eloff and De Villiers Street (G3), tel. 23-2324/5. Open weekdays 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

South African Tourist Corporation, President Centre, Pretorius Street. Tel. Pretoria 25201. Open 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Religious services

Anglican: The Cathedral, 50 De Villiers Street (G4).

Apostolic Faith Mission: Corner of Juta and Simmonds Streets, Braamfontein (off map).

Baptist Churches: Corner Quartz and Leyds Streets, Joubert Park (J1). Corner of Dawe and Op de Bergen Streets, Troyeville (off map).

Central Congregational Church: 75 de Korte Street, Braamfontein (off map).

Christian Science: First Church, corner Smit and Banket Streets (off map).

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints: Hunter Street, Highland North (off map).

Dutch Reformed Churches: Plein Street, opposite Union Grounds (I4). Gereformeerde Kerk, 4th Avenue, Melville (off map).

Evangelical Church of England in South Africa: Christ Church, corner of East Avenue and Caroline Street, Hillbrow (off map).

German Lutheran: 30 Edith Cavell Street, Hospital Hill (off map).

Greek Orthodox: Corner of Nugget and Wolmarans Streets (L1), just east of Joubert Park.

Hebrew: Great Synagogue, Wolmarans Street (K1). Yeoville Synagogue, Hunter Street (off map). Oxford Synagogue, North Avenue, Riviera (off map).

Methodist: Central Hall, Pritchard Street, opposite New Law Courts (H6).

Presbyterian: St. George's, corner of Noord and Claim Streets (K3), just east of Union Grounds.

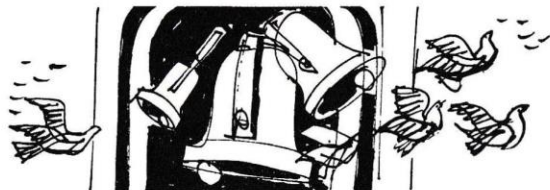
Seventh Day Adventist: 14 Claim Street (K4).

Swedish Lutheran: 29 Hancock Street (L3).

Roman Catholic: Corner of Saragota Avenue and End Street, Berea (L1).

Russian Orthodox: Church of St. Vladimir, 41 Koch Street (K2).





Public holidays and special events

Shops and offices are closed on the following public holidays:

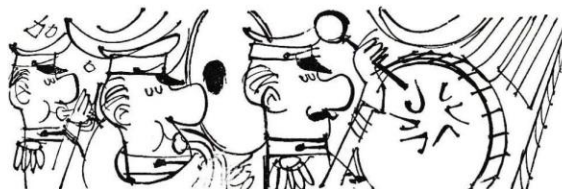
January 1	New Year's Day
March/April	Good Friday/Easter Monday
April 6	Van Riebeck Day
April/May	Ascension Day
May 31	Republic Day
Second Monday in July	Family Day
First Monday in September	Settlers' Day
October 10	Kruger Day
December 16	Day of the Covenant
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Boxing Day

Events. The Eisteddfod is held annually close to Easter in Johannesburg City Hall and the Central Library.

The Rand Easter show – biggest industrial and agricultural fair in Africa – is usually held during the 10 or 12 days before Easter Monday. The show takes place in the Witwatersrand Agricultural Society's spacious grounds called Milner Park.

A smaller spring show is held at Milner Park in September.

The Hobby Fair, another interesting annual event, is staged in the City Hall, late June – early July.



Name of my hotel:

Address:

Tel.:

Our Special Meal Service

If your diet is governed by religion, health, or regional preference, or if you need something different from the regular menu, ask your SAS office or travel agent about the SAS Special Meal Service.

This extra SAS service allows you to preorder from eight different categories of special meals – 70 dishes, among which we are sure you will find a meal to suit your individual taste, or that of your children.

