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### ABOUT JOHANNESBURG

Johannesburg is often a stepping stone to Kruger National Park and South Africa's northern neighbors due to its international airport and closer proximity than Cape Town.

Johannesburg has been a gravitational part of South Africa's history and has much to explore during a 24-hour transfer.

Now finding a resurgence of unity, creativity and reconciliation, it was foundational in the Apartheid movement, not least in the highly controversial establishment of Soweto, the South-Western Township created specifically to relocate tens of thousands of Africans to the city's outskirts.

Home to the Xhosa people - they of the clicking dialect - it is also where the late Nelson Mandela practiced as a human rights lawyer, and where he was initially jailed for his anti-Apartheid activities.

Johannesburg found its power and growth through mineral mining, specifically gold and diamonds. It was here that the spectacular 21.9-ounce (621g) Cullinan diamond was unearthed, the largest rough diamond ever found, that now adorns the Crown Jewels of Britain's royal family.

### QUICK FACTS:

- Johannesburg is the second-largest city on the African continent, Cairo being the first
- It is an economic powerhouse, building on its mining history to become one of South Africa's most modern & progressive cities
- Not only is it the location of the incredibly productive Cullinan diamond mine, it is also home to the world's deepest, the Mponeng gold mine, that stretches 2.5 miles (4km) downwards
- Locals colloquially refer to Johannesburg as Jo'burg, Jozi, or sometimes Egoli
- Jo'burg is where Nelson Mandela spent his final days & the site of the museum of his remarkable life
- About 40% of the world's fossils were discovered in Johannesburg at the Cradle of Humankind

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## CLASSIC HISTORICAL — TOURS —

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### THE APARTHEID MUSEUM

Though apartheid affected much of South Africa, Johannesburg was somewhat its epicenter. The very public displacement of tens of thousands of Africans to the purpose-built suburb of Soweto and its subsequent anti-Apartheid riots were seen around the world. The overturning of apartheid in the early 1990s gained Nelson Mandela his much-deserved Nobel Peace Prize, and the Apartheid Museum documents the journey from inception to thankful dissolution. Though a dark chapter of South Africa's past, the Apartheid Museum stands as testament to the equality and reconciliation that has taken place post-apartheid, a beacon of hope and a continual reminder of the need for unity and compassion.

### CRADLE OF HUMANKIND

Johannesburg alone is the source of some 40 percent of humankind's early fossils. This fascinating UNESCO World Heritage site documents our evolution as a species, from prehistoric life forms and dinosaurs to our 7-million-year-old ancestors and beyond. Africa heralded the dawn of life on the planet, and the Cradle of Humankind exhibition takes us back to Earth's very beginnings, explaining how it was created and how humanity came to be. Located an hour from Johannesburg, the Cradle of Humankind is an excellent half-day trip that is well worthwhile and highly recommended.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Learn the history of South Africa's turbulent past
  - Read how the struggles against apartheid were finally resolved
  - Discover how, from this past of oppression & hatred, Johannesburg has united & grown
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- Meet some of our oldest ancestors & the precursors of modern humankind
  - Learn how Earth was created & how life evolved
  - See real fossils of early hominids, dinosaurs & more

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## CLASSIC CULTURAL TOURS

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### NELSON MANDELA MUSEUM

Located in Soweto in the very house in which Mandela lived from 1946 to 1962, the Mandela Museum was established on the tenth anniversary of his release from prison, on 11 February, 2000. Despite capturing his story, through youth, his rise to activist, fall to political prisoner and jubilant release and presidency, Mandela was always insistent that the museum would rather be a continually-evolving memorial to his values and vision.

Mandela's work reverberated around the world, and his message of human rights, freedom, peace and democracy echoes through the halls of the museum, resounding legacy to a great man who bettered the lives of many millions of his fellow South Africans.

### SOWETO

In many regards, Soweto represents both the dark heart of apartheid and the shining dawn of its downfall. Though the memories of oppression are still fresh, Soweto has become a place of jubilant re-emergence, and a celebration of resilience and the reunification of all people. The streets are lined with vibrant murals and historical landmarks. At the centre of the township, Freedom Square commemorates the inception of the uprising where, in 1955, 3,000 people of all races rallied for the Congress of the People in opposition of white supremacy, and where the Freedom Charter was adopted.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Gain a greater understanding of one of the greatest humanitarians of recent history
  - Take a guided tour to hear further insights into Mandela's life & the unified struggle against apartheid
  - Read his unifying message of peace, from which we can all learn
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- Experience the vibrant Soweto communities
  - Visit the Kliptown Museum & learn of the brave 3,000 who began the uprising
  - Visit the historical Regina Mundi church & the vibrant Orlando Towers (above)

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## EXPLORING JOHANNESBURG

Johannesburg's historic downtown is undergoing a remarkable transformation, GQ magazine dubbing it "the southern hemisphere's new capital of cool". The distinctly contemporary city has a wonderful diversity of galleries, from private artist exhibitions to global contemporary collections, while craft and food markets can also be found throughout the city and surrounds.

We can handcraft the perfect Johannesburg itinerary for you, specifically tailored to your personal preferences. Key areas of interest include:

### VICTORIA YARDS

Victoria Yards combines inner-city farming with artisan studios, gallery spaces & visual arts. Regular markets add to the intrigue & appeal, while resident businesses offer a wide range of African curios & contemporary art.

### MABONENG

Once an industrial precinct, Maboneng has been transformed into Johannesburg's funkier artisan district. Cafés & bars meet artisan shops & markets amongst the mural-adorned streets.

### CULLINAN MINE

Cullinan mine has been producing diamonds since 1902, but is still one of the world's most prolific sources of diamonds. Tours take you above & below ground to discover how the world's most precious rock is found.

### CRAFT & FARMER'S MARKETS

Johannesburg hosts a fascinating diversity of markets. On offer, you can find local & regional produce, food vendors, apparel, contemporary arts & more traditional African crafts. Your guide will help you find the best.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore the vibrant streets of central Johannesburg
- Visit a wonderful collection of local & national galleries, from historical African crafts to modern contemporary art
- Wander the various marketplaces within the city & in the surrounding suburbs
- Take in the foodie scene, including superb local cafés & world-class restaurants
- Visit the uniquely integrated urban complex of Victoria Yards

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## CLASSIC ART TOURS

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### PRETORIA ART TOUR

Pretoria has a thriving art community in its own right, and the Pretoria Javet Art Centre and Pretoria Art Museum showcase a wealth of local, regional and national works. The Javet Art Centre is strongly founded in the principle of community support, making art accessible to the entire community, and helping new artists to find exposure. These venues are an excellent way to discover the richness and diversity of South African artwork.

### NIROX SCULPTURE PARK

Located on the banks of the Blaauwbankspruit River, this tranquil park covers 30 Ha of manicured lawns and gardens. Interspersed throughout this idyllic setting are over 50 installations from a collective of international artists. Beyond the park lies a further 1,000 Ha of wilderness covering hills, valleys, riverine forests, caves, and highveld grasslands, abundant in local wildlife.

### GRAFFITI & STREET ART TOUR

The inner suburbs of Johannesburg are becoming internationally recognised as a global centre of graffiti and street art. Far from the random pieces and messy scrawlings of some cities, Jo'burg's streets and facades are adorned with exquisite artworks, inspired by cultural heritage, political activism and the growing unity since the fall of Apartheid. International graffiti artists are also making the pilgrimage of sorts, to add their own supremely talented splashes of color to the ever-expanding tapestry of works. Tours through the precincts of Maboneng and Braamfontein not only allow you to wander these vibrant street galleries, they also give you insight into the underlying culture of street art in Jo'burg and the strong messages often conveyed by the artists. With just a little luck, you may even happen upon a work in progress to discuss with the artists themselves.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- View works by some of Johannesburg's & South Africa's emerging artists
- Take in the work of some of South Africa's most significant artists & an archaeological artwork collection
- Escape the city & enjoy a tranquil afternoon by the river
- See sculptures & installations before exploring Kkatlhamphi Private Nature Reserve
- Discover the stories behind the colorful streets of Jo'burg
- See the city through the eyes of a local

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