

JoburgPlaces

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JoburgPlaces is the initiative of Gerald Garner, author of *Spaces & Places – Johannesburg* and *JoburgPlaces*, among others.

Gerald has been offering fascinating inner-city walking tours since 2011.

Together with Charlie Moyo and Chef Bulelwa (Princess) Mbonambi, the JoburgPlaces team has already taken nearly 24 000 people on walking tours and food tasting experiences! JoburgPlaces is also the team behind the **Thunder Walker** development on Gandhi Square with its **Scatterlings Restaurant** and **Zwipi Underground**.

SPECIAL-INTEREST PUBLIC TOURS ON SATURDAYS

Speciality tours are available mostly on Friday evenings and on Saturdays (both during the day and in the evening). These tours are guided by a range of JoburgPlaces specialists, be that Charlie Moyo, Gerald Garner or guest guides. Enquire upon booking who the assigned guide for your tour date is.

To book tours:

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	Urban Farming Tour (TOUR J)	Money, Banks & Vaults Tour (TOUR I)	Pubs, Bars & Rooftops Tour by Bus (TOUR H)	Fashion District & Little Addis Tour (TOUR B)	Migrant Melting Pot of the East Tour	Meet the Maker Tour (LAUNCHING SOON)	Craft Breweries Tour (LAUNCHING SOON)	Gin Distilleries Tour (LAUNCHING SOON)
PRICE	R450	R495	R450	R330	R455	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
FOOD & DRINK	Build your own sandwich with cheese, preserves and greens (buy your own greens on the tour).	Harvest table Lunch with fruit cordial drink included.	Food and drinks for your own account along the way.	Food and drinks for your own account along the way.	Chef's plate lunch included at end of tour			
TRANSPORT	Rea Vaya bus tickets included.	Walking only.	Bus transport included.	Walking only.	Rea Vaya bus tickets included.			
SAT 1 JUNE			2-8:30pm					
SAT 8 JUNE					9:30am-3pm			
SAT 22 JUNE		10am-3:30pm						
SAT 29 JUNE				9:30am-2pm				
SAT 6 JULY			2-8:30pm					
SAT 13 JULY					9:30am-3pm			
SAT 20 JULY	9:30am-3pm							
SAT 27 JULY								2-8pm
SAT 3 AUG			2-8:30pm					
SAT 10 AUG		10am-3:30pm				9:30am-3pm		
SAT 17 AUG					9:30am-3pm			
SAT 24 AUG							2-8pm	
SAT 31 AUG				9:30am-2pm				



MONEY, BANKS & VAULTS TOUR (TOUR I)

Next dates:

Sat 22 June, 10am

Sat 10 Aug, 10am

The *Money, Banks & Vaults Tour* covers the historic financial district of the inner-city around Marshalltown. Many of the most historic buildings in this part of town are in fact erstwhile bank buildings. Money, banks and vaults were at the centre of the city's gold-rush inception and rapid development. Get to experience these remarkable spaces and learn their fascinating stories.

As part of the tour, guests will enjoy a leisurely late-afternoon harvest table lunch at the Zwipi Underground Bar – a real privilege as this remarkable space will only open to the public by the end of July. Be sure to book this must-experience JoburgPlaces activity straight away. It involves mesmerising storytelling, delectable food and glimpses at astonishing hidden gems of the city.

Typical tour schedule:

10:00 Tour starts with introduction on Gandhi Square

10:15 Walk to 85 Commissioner

10:25 Arrive at City Central, 85 Commissioner, erstwhile Barclays Bank Head Office.

Guests are served instant coffee and scones with cheese or jam.

11:15 Walk to National Bank House

11:25 Arrive at National Bank House and tour the banking hall.

11:55 Walk across Library Gardens and through the Bank City complex 12:10

Arrive at JSE Newtown and visit the old stock exchange trading floor.

12:35 Walk down Ferreira Street past Anglo I

13:00 Arrive at Standard Bank where we visit the Mine Shaft Museum

13:40 Walk to Gandhi Square

13:50 Arrive at Thunder Walker, Somerset House (erstwhile United Building Society) 14:00

Harvest table lunch with non-alcoholic drinks inside the Zwipi Underground Bar.

15:30 Tour ends.



URBAN FARMING TOUR (TOUR J)

Next dates:

Saturday 20 July, 9:30am

Astonishingly so, many of the rooftops in the Joburg inner-city stand vacant and unused, even though they soak in the African sun every single day. It is only in the last decade that some rooftops have been converted to events venues and bars. In the Apartheid era, the city's rooftops were reserved for servant's quarters where people had to stay at night as their passbooks did not allow them to be in the streets.

Today, the city is recovering from its gruesome past and rooftops are being reconfigured into gathering spaces, penthouses and most significantly, urban farms. With Joburg's temperate climate, it is relatively easy to produce fantastic herbs and vegetables right here in the city, close to where households and restaurants need them. Urban farming is the ultimate sustainable practice, cutting out huge transport costs and pollution while getting the freshest produce to customers super-fast.

JoburgPlaces believes in the potential for urban agriculture and rooftop farming and we are encouraged by the work of the Urban Agriculture Incubator of the WIBC in Johannesburg. Urban farming does not only take place on rooftops, but also in city parks and disused properties such as bowling greens.

On this JoburgPlaces tour, you will visit one of the UAI rooftop farms as well as community farms at a city park and an old bowling green. Join us for a fun day out in the city, take in the rooftop views, buy some fresh produce along the way and sit down for lunch, building your own sandwich with the produce you acquired along the way. Learn about urban agriculture as well as the mesmerising history of the Johannesburg inner-city.

NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT A HORTICULTURAL TOUR, nor it is a course in how to farm. Instead it is a tour into the more challenging parts of the inner-city, looking at how urban farming can play a socio-economic role in the regeneration of the inner-city.

Envisaged tour schedule:

9:30am: Meet at the Thunder Walker at Gandhi Square and introductory talk about urban farming

10:00: Walk to Library Gardens Rea Vaya Station via Main Street/Hollard Street Rea

10:30: Embark on Rea Vaya to Art Gallery

10:45: From Art Gallery/Joubert Park Walk up to Mcebo Rooftop Farm at Outreach Foundation.

11:00: Visit Mcebo Roofop Farm and explore Outreach Foundation too.

11:30: Walk back to Art Gallery Rea Vaya Station

11:40: Rea Vaya to Ellis Park

11:50: Walk from Ellis Park Station to Victoria Yards

12:10: Visit Victoria Yards

12:40: Walk back to Bertrams Inner-city Farm at Ellis Park

12:50: Visit Bertrams Inner-city Farm.

13:30: Take Rea Vaya back to Library Gardens

13:50 Lunch at Scatterlings at Thunder Walker (build your own sandwich – we provide breads, cheeses, sauces and preserves, add your own fresh produce you bought on a tour for the freshest sandwich).

14:30: Tour ends



Pubs, Bars & Rooftops tour (by bus) (Tour H)

Luxury bus transport provided for this tour

Next dates:

Saturday 1 June, 2pm

Saturday 6 July, 2pm

Saturday 3 August 2 pm.

Experience some of Joburg's most famous drinking spots - from trendy rooftop bars to the coolest hidden spots in the city. Discover the Johannesburg inner-city that is undergoing a remarkable rebirth, a city that offers much more than you would imagine in terms of trendy bars and entertainment. You are guaranteed an exceptional and memorable Jozi day! The tour includes stops at six establishments.

We take you on a curated tour by bus with storytelling about the history of Joburg at each stop by exceptional guide and author Gerald Garner. You pay for your own food and drinks along the way.

If you are not curious to learn more about the regeneration and history of Joburg or adventurous to discover new places, then this tour is not for you. However, note that it is also a lively party experience with energetic music playing on the bus, setting the scene for Joburg as the liveliest, hippest, African city.

We visit some remarkable spaces along the way including Scatterlings at the Thunder Walker, Agog in Maboneng, Curiosity Backpackers in Maboneng, Elevate Rooftop at the Reef Hotel in Marshalltown, Little Fox Bar at 1Fox, Parktonian Rooftop in Braamfontein and the Zwipi Underground at the Thunder Walker.

Routes though vary and are only confirmed a day ahead of the event to ensure venues are available and do not have private function bookings. We do however have a plethora of great spaces to choose from!



FASHION DISTRICT/LITTLE ADDIS WALKING TOUR

Walking tour only

Next dates:

Sat 29 June, 9:30am

Sat 31 Aug, 9:30am

Probably the most fascinating tour in the inner-city, it takes in the historic garment district, today repositioned as the Fashion District. Visit the Fashion Kapitool and Fashion District Wholesalers, known for its ShweShwe fabrics. Also do some shopping in the area, before walking on the Ethiopian Quarter of the city. Explore buildings full of mazes of shops, sample the best Ethiopian coffee and enjoy a lovely Ethiopian meal too. The tour is a cultural immersive experience that uncovers the fascinating migrant history and communities of the city.

Typical tour schedule:

9:30: Introduction at Thunder Walker on Gandhi Square

10:00: Walk up Eloff Street to Pritchard Street

10:15: Walk down Pritchard Street to Fashion Kapitool

10:30: Fashion Kapitool

10:40: Fashion District Wholesalers and surrounding shops

10:50 Stop at Fashion Shack while guests get time to shop on their own in the area

11:30: Walk towards Ethiopian Quarter

11:40: Joburg Mall

12:00: Medical Arts Centre, stop for Ethiopian Coffee and lunch

13:00: Walk back to Fashion Kapitool

13:30: Walk through Carlton Centre

14:00: Arrive back at Thunder Walker on Gandhi Square

HOW TO BOOK

Pre-booking and pre-payment are essential.

Book by emailing gerald@joburgplaces.com

or send a text/whatsapp message to 082 894 5216.

We will send you the total cost together with our banking details. A place on a tour is only confirmed upon receipt of proof of payment. For international clients who do not have a local bank account and cannot make a local transfer, we will send a Paypal request. You can then follow the links and pay by foreign credit card. We will send you an invoice for your records once we have received proof of payment.

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MIGRANT MELTING POT OF THE EAST

Walking tour with some Rea Vaya public bus transport

Next dates:

Saturday 8 June, 9:30 am

Saturday 13 July, 9:30am

Saturday 17 August, 9:30am

At the east end of town, the Ellis Park Precinct, Doornfontein and Nieu-Doornfontein make up one of the most fascinating inner-city districts. Originally a predominantly Jewish residential suburb, this area morphed over time into a light industry, sports facilities and education precinct. Today, the area is undergoing significant change with creative businesses and affordable apartments being the order of the day.

Ellis Park Precinct is a true melting pot of cultures, with its history traced back to Jewish migrants and later Portuguese too. Nowadays the area is also home to many migrants from all over Africa, as well as Chinese entrepreneurs. Located on the origins of the Jukskei River, the history of this area can in many ways be traced back to migrations from ancient times – making migration the perfect theme for this city exploration.

Apart from visiting major public spaces, public art and architectural landmarks, this tour also takes in the history of Johannesburg's migrant communities from Cape Malay and Chinese to Jewish, Portuguese and Pan-African. It provides a fascinating glimpse at the Migrant Melting Pot of the East.

The tour lasts from 9:30am till 3pm and includes two Rea Vaya bus tickets, as well as a chef's plate lunch at the Scatterlings Restaurant, located at the Thunder Walker on Gandhi Square where the tour starts and ends (at JoburgPlaces' own home base). Two coffee stops are available along the tour, as well as the opportunity to shop at the fascinating China City, including some Chinese and Cape Malay/Indian streetfood stores - any drinks or snacks along the way is for customer's own accounts.

We travel by the Rea Vaya public bus system from the centre of town to the east end and back.

Typical tour schedule:

9:30:

Introduction at the Thunder Walker

9:40:

Walk to Rea Vaya Library Gardens

9:50:

Rea Vaya to Troyeville Hotel

10:05:

Coffee stop at Troyeville Hotel (for customers' own account) and introductory talk on the six phases of Joburg

10:35

Walk down to Ellis Park public space

10:45:

Invented Mythologies sculpture

(Story of Jukskei River, Limpopo River and Origins of Humankind – symbolism of fountain and trees on the line of the underground Jukskei River)

Also focus on Ellis Park, Soccer World Cup, April 2001 Stampede

Joburg Stadium: All Africa Games of 1999 Joburg and impact of high altitude on hosting sport events

11:00:

Walk up to China City

11:10

Explore China City for shopping and enjoy Chinese and Cape Malay/Indian streetfood snacks (food/drinks for customer's own account)

11:40:

Walk out on northern side of China City (view towards student housing, athletics stadium and Ponte)

11:50

Walk to Siemerst/Siveright/Joe Slovo Streets

12:00

View Alhambra Theatre, historic Synagogue and Anton van Wouw house

12:15:

Stop at Casa Arbitr shoe shop

12:25

Walk back to Invented Mythologies sculpture

12:35

Discuss Witwatersrand continental divide and Johannesburg's water systems

12:50

Walk up to nearby juice factory and then coffee shop

13:00:

Juice/Coffee break (for customer's own account)

13:15

Walk towards Bertrams

13:25

Bertrams row housing and Battle of Johannesburg mural

13:40

Board Rea Vaya bus back to Library Gardens

13:55

Disembark at Library Gardens and walk to the Thunder Walker on Gandhi Square

14:10

Lunch at the Thunder Walker on Gandhi Square (Chef's plate included)

15:00: Tour ends

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Note that a booking is only secured once we have received proof of payment. Also note our terms and conditions, including our booking and refund policy:

1. A booking that is not followed by proof of payment within 48-hours will automatically be deemed cancelled.
2. Any already-paid tour cancellation will incur a 20% admin charge.
3. No cancellations or postponements will be accepted within 30 days of the actual booking date, meaning no refunds will be processed on bookings cancelled less than 30 days ahead of the booking date.
4. Should a guest want to postpone a booking more than 30 days ahead of the original booking date, this will be done with pleasure and at no surcharge.
5. Participation in JoburgPlaces tours is voluntary and at the full risk of the customer. JoburgPlaces and Anchorco (Pty) Ltd as well as the guides conducting tours on behalf of JoburgPlaces do not accept any liability for any harm, injury or death that may incur because of a guest participating in a tour staged by JoburgPlaces.
6. Note that tours often EXCLUDE additional charges such as the use of public transport (Rea Vaya bus), museum or venue entrance fees and food/drinks. Please check exactly what is included/excluded before booking.
7. All tours must be pre-booked and pre-paid.

DIRECTIONS TO THE STARTING POINT

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If you come by metered taxi, Uber or Taxify simply get out in Rissik Street next to Gandhi Square. Walk towards the Gandhi Sculpture on the northern edge of the square. The Kaizer Chiefs shop behind the statue is your landmark.

If you come by Rea Vaya bus, get out at the Library Gardens station and walk towards Rissik Street and then Gandhi Square.

If you come by Gautrain bus from Park Station, get out at the third stop in Marshall Street. Walk east in Marshall until you get Rissik Street, turn left in Rissik Street and Gandhi Square is one block up on the right.

If you come by car:

NOTE THE M2 ELEVATED HIGHWAY HAS BEEN CLOSED IN AN EASTERN AND WESTERN DIRECTION TILL OCTOBER 2019, THEREFORE PLAN YOUR TRIP CAREFULLY!

From the north, take the M1 South and take the Village Road offramp (Selby).

Follow Village Road until the corner of Loveday Street (5th intersection along Village Road)

Turn LEFT into Loveday Street and then RIGHT into Marshall Street (5th intersection along Loveday).

From Marshall Street, turn LEFT into Rissik Street.

Once in Rissik Street, Gandhi Square will be your right. Cross the traffic light where the buses turn to park on the square and BEFORE NANDOS, turn RIGHT at the boom gate into the paved slip-road on the edge of the square (running along Nandos and Pizza Hut).

It will lead you to the entrance of the underground parking in the Metropolitan Building. Look for the sign that says OPH Private Parking – 108 Fox Street. We will have booked parking for you and the guard will have your number plate on the list and direct you to the right parking bay.

NOTE THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARK HERE IF YOU HAVE NOT PRE-BOOKED PARKING WITH US.

If you need directions or help on the way to tour phone, text or whatsapp Charlie Moyo on 062 121 6188. As he may be busy with a tour and unable to answer, try a text or whatsapp him.

NOTE: WITH THE CURRENT HIGHWAY CLOSURES, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU USE UBER OR TAXIFY, OR GAUTRAIN TO PARK STATION AND THEN A METERED CAB TO GANDHI SQUARE.