

JoburgPlaces Storytelling Dinners

- hosted at Zwipi Underground at the Thunder Walker



“Loved the interesting stories and the intriguing surroundings. Definitely recommend this experience. The food is amazing and the people hosting are superb. Thank you!”

“Unbelievable experience! An absolute must. Thanks so much for a fantastically interesting evening.”

“Cuisine was on point. Storytelling and tour piqued our interests the entire night. Just a fantastic evening in a history rich place.”

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS DURING CORONA VIRUS NATIONAL DISASTER:

The Thunder Walker, including its Zwipi Underground, Scatterlings Arcade and Town Square Banqueting Hall will be CLOSED from 18 March till 18 April 2020 to help delay and curb spread of the Corona virus.

If you have an existing booking for any date in that period, please email gerald@joburgplaces.com to reschedule your booking for a later date.

Note that we will NOT be taking any bookings for the period 18 March - 18 April. However, as a small business this will put unimaginable pressure on our cashflow and on our staff. What we will be doing instead, is to sell vouchers for future storytelling dinners at a very attractive rate: book at least 2 places at any storytelling dinner for any date in 2020 scheduled after 18 April and receive TWO MORE SEATS FOR FREE. One seat costs R680 for storytelling, food and one drink. A booking for two therefore costs R1360 but you will receive two additional spaces worth another R1360 for free.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

This special is only valid for future bookings (after 18 April) but paid between 16 March and 30 March 2020. Proof of payment must be sent to us and the payment must clear into our bank account before 30 March.

STORYTELLING DINNERS:

The bespoke Joburg tour-guiding operation, JoburgPlaces, is also famous for its storytelling dinners, hosted at its Zwipi Underground at the Thunder Walker on Gandhi Square. Storytelling dinners are available on Friday and Saturday evenings. Each evening is limited to a total of 40 guests, meaning booking with prepayment is essential.

Storytelling is presented by Charlie Moyo while the food is prepared by the excellent Thunder Walker culinary team. Guests are seated at separate tables in Zwipi Underground for dinner as per bookings, but storytelling takes place collectively in different spaces of the Thunder Walker building.

Themes alternate between the Migrant Cuisine Storytelling Dinner and the Secret Underground Storytelling Dinner. The migrant cuisine experience involves the history and stories of the migrant communities of our city and their foods. It is a casual eating experience with six migrant-inspired dishes, appealing to the adventurous foodie.

The Secret Underground Storytelling Dinner involves a more formal, three-course dinner with exceptional Global-Afro fusion cuisine and storytelling focusing on the history and development of Johannesburg, appealing to those who appreciate gastronomic excellence.

Both storytelling dinners culminate in a session in the main vault room of the Zwipi Underground where guests get to hear the history of the Thunder Walker building (built in 1904 as Somerset House) and the many mysteries of this erstwhile bank and vault.

- While storytelling dinners are hosted for public bookings on Friday and Saturday nights, we are available for private group bookings throughout the week, but a minimum spend of R12 500 is required in order to open the restaurant for a private booking. Email gerald@joburgplaces.com to enquire about a private booking.

The schedule:

	Migrant Cuisine Storytelling Dinner	Secret Underground Storytelling Dinner
PRICE	R680	R680
INCLUDED	Casual, adventurous six-course menu, storytelling and a masala tea/sauvignon blanc drink taster with the starter. Other drinks for your own account on the night (full bar available)	Exceptional, three course menu, storytelling and a glass of sauvignon blanc. Other drinks for your own account on the night (full bar available)
GROUP SIZE	Up to 40 guests	Up to 40 guests
FRI 20 MARCH	6:30pm-10:30pm	
FRI 27 MARCH		7pm-11pm
SAT 28 MARCH	6:30pm-10:30pm	
FRI 3 APRIL		7pm-11pm
SAT 4 APRIL		7pm-11pm
THU 9 APRIL		7pm-11pm
FRI 10 APRIL	6:30pm-10:30pm	
SAT 11 APRIL	6:30pm-10:30pm	
FRI 17 APRIL		7pm-11pm
SAT 18 APRIL		7pm-11pm
	ALL DATES IN RED HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS NATIONAL DISASTER	ANY BOOKINGS ALREADY HELD FOR THOSE DATES CAN BE REBOOKED FOR LATER DATES
FRI 24 APRIL	6:30pm-10:30pm	
SAT 25 APRIL	6:30pm-10:30pm	
SUN 26 APRIL		7pm-11pm
THU 30 APRIL		7pm-11pm
FRIDAY 1 MAY	6:30pm-10:30pm	
SAT 2 MAY		7pm-11pm
FRI 8 MAY		7pm-11pm
SAT 9 MAY	6:30pm-10:30pm	
FRI 15 MAY	6:30pm-10:30pm	
SAT 16 MAY		7pm-11pm
FRI 22 MAY	6:30pm-10:30pm	
SAT 23 MAY		7pm-11pm
FRI 29 MAY		7pm-11pm
SAT 30 MAY	6:30pm-10:30pm	
FRI 5 JUNE	6:30-10:30pm	
SAT 6 JUN		7pm-11pm

MIGRANT CUISINE STORYTELLING DINNERS

6:30 for 7pm – 10:30pm on selected Fridays and Saturdays

Cost: R680, including 6-course dinner, 1 drinks taster and storytelling



A magical evening of storytelling combined with delectable food and drinks. A most memorable evening in the city, discovering the history and cuisines of some of Johannesburg's most prominent migrant communities. Presented by JoburgPlaces at its Thunder Walker venue on Gandhi Square. Storytelling in the Scatterlings Arcade, dinner in the Zwipi Underground.

Typical schedule:

6:30pm: Guests arrive and mingle at the bar in the Zwipi Underground

7:00pm: Guests gather in the Scatterlings Arcade for the introductory story: the six phases of Johannesburg (each of which brought a new wave of migrants).

7:40pm: Two Asian-inspired starters served in the Zwipi Underground

8:10pm: Storytelling: Johannesburg's Asian communities during the Gold Rush and later (Cape Malay, Indian and Chinese), as well as Pan-African migration.

8:45pm: Two Pan-African mains

9:25pm: Guests gather in the Main Vault Room for storytelling. The story of the United Safety Deposit vault, Somerset House and the Thunder Walker project, including the Thunder Walker Poem

10:05pm: Two desserts are served

Guests are also welcomed to arrive earlier and enjoy drinks ahead of the dinner and to stay after to linger for more drinks. All drinks (except the included drinks taster) for guest's own account on the night.

MENU FOR THE MIGRANT CUISINE STORYTELLING DINNER

STARTERS

Cape Malay-inspired butternut soup with turmeric, paprika, ginger and coconut milk,
served in a coconut shell (vegan)
with a glass of masala tea & sauvignon blanc spritzer

Chinese-inspired beef dumpling with beef, ginger and soil, served with Asian greens and broth
(ask for a vegan alternative when booking if required)

MAINS

Zimbabwean-inspired sadza (pap) sandwich, served with chemolia and tomato sheba (vegan)

Mozambican-inspired Matapa (prawns with chopped spinach and tahini sauce)
(pre-order a vegan aubergine alternative when booking if required)

DESSERT

Indian-Ethiopian-inspired Mango lassi served in a pineapple shell
(vegetarian – contains yoghurt).

Mediterranean-inspired baklava with seeds instead of nuts
(vegetarian).

SECRET UNDERGROUND STORYTELLING DINNERS

7 for 7:30pm – 10:30pm on selected Fridays and Saturdays

Cost: R680, including 3-course dinner, 1 glass of wine and storytelling



A magical evening of storytelling combined with delectable food and drinks. A most memorable evening in the city that will leave you mesmerized by the story of a city rebuilt six times in 13 decades! As well as the history of Somerset House – a 1904 bank building, recently repurposed into the Thunder Walker. Presented by JoburgPlaces at its Thunder Walker with dinner in the Zwipi Underground.

Typical schedule:

7:00pm: Guests arrive and mingle at the bar in the Zwipi Underground

7:30pm: Guests gather in the Scatterlings Arcade for the introductory story: the six phases of Johannesburg

8:00pm Starters served in the Zwipi Underground

8:20pm: Guests gather in the Scatterlings Arcade for storytelling: history of historic Somerset House, now the Thunder Walker

8:40pm: Guests walk outside to view the Gandhi sculpture and learn more about the founding of the Satyagraha/Passive Resistance Movement in Johannesburg.

8:55pm: Main courses served in the Zwipi Underground

9:40pm: Guests gather in the Main Vault Room for storytelling (the story of the United Safety Deposit vault, Somerset House and the Thunder Walker project, including the Thunder Walker Poem

10:10pm: Dessert is served in the Zwipi Underground

Guests are also welcomed to arrive earlier and enjoy drinks ahead of the dinner and to stay after to linger for more drinks. All drinks (except the glass of wine included with the starter are for guest's own account on the night.

MENU FOR THE SECRET UNDERGROUND STORYTELLING DINNER

PLEASE SELECT YOUR MENU CHOICES

and send these directly to gerald@joburgplaces.com no later than the Monday prior to the dinner,

**MENU FOR SUMMER & AUTUMN
(TILL 30 APRIL 2020)**

Starters

Butternut ravioli with rhubarb sauce and cured beef

or

Butter ravioli with rhubarb sauce and cured aubergine (vegetarian)

Mains

Grilled aubergine with olives, lentil puree, edamame beans and mushrooms,
served with a pepper, stuffed with savoury rice (vegan)

or

Pomegranate duck with baby spinach, purple cauliflower, asparagus and pomegranate seeds

or

Seabass with a fragrant summer herb and citrus salad

Dessert

Chocolate and berry delight

(chocolate cake with berry mousse, chocolate dust, fresh berries, and berry coulis)

or

Mango sorbet, coconut cream and pickled ginger with sauce (vegan)

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 storytelling dinner 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 (10% surcharge to cover Paypal commission and international bank transfer charges), 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.

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 cancellation will incur a 20% admin charge.
3. No cancellations or postponements will be accepted within 21 days of the actual booking date and no such refunds will be made.
4. Should a guest want to postpone a booking more than 21 days ahead of the original booking date, this will be done with pleasure and at no surcharge.
5. Participation in JoburgPlaces tours, dinners and experiences is voluntary and at the full risk of the customer. JoburgPlaces and Anchorco (Pty) Ltd as well as its venues (Scatterlings Arcade, Zwipi Underground and Town Square Banqueting Hall – all at the Thunder Walker) and its guides conducting tours, do not accept any liability for any harm, injury or death that may incur because of a guest participating in any tour, dinner or experience staged by JoburgPlaces.
6. All tours and storytelling dinner must be pre-booked and pre-paid. We do not accept any walk ins and no booking is secured or confirmed without paying first.

PAYMENT for drinks at Zwipi Underground

Note that Zwipi Underground only accepts bookings and do not accept any walk-ins, nor does it serve ala carte. Zwipi does not accept cash payments on site and do not hold cash on site. All food bookings are paid in advance and drinks can be settled on site by bank card.

NO CHILDREN UNDER 12

Note that we do not accept bookings for children under 12-years old on any storytelling dinners.

CORKAGE POLICY

Zwipi Underground has an extensive bar and we are confident that we will be able to serve you a variety of drinks to your satisfaction and enjoyment. We do not allow customers to bring any bubbly and if you want a special champagne or bubbly please arrange with us ahead of time.

We do allow customers to bring their own wine on the following condition. For each bottle of wine, you bring in, bring an extra bottle of the same wine and vintage which you will donate to Zwipi Underground as the corkage. These wines go into our wine cellar collection and be available for resale by Zwipi Underground. Alternatively, you can pay a corkage of R90 per bottle on site.

DIRECTIONS

All JoburgPlaces storytelling dinners take place at the Zwipi Underground at the Thunder Walker on Gandhi Square. Find our entrance on the square, right next to the Gandhi sculpture, between Sanlam and Hollard Insurance.

Note that casual parking is NOT AVAILABLE. If you are going to arrive by car and require parking it is essential that you send us your car number plate and arrange this with us so that we can book parking for you.

If you come by metered taxi, Uber or Taxify/Bolt simply get out at Nando's in Rissik Street, next to Gandhi Square. Walk onto the square past Pizza Hut towards the Gandhi Sculpture. Find our entrance next to the Gandhi sculpture, between Sanlam and Hollard Insurance.

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.

IMPORTANT:

Do **NOT** walk from Park Station to Gandhi Square or from Maboneng to Gandhi Square, there are unfortunately still some street blocks in the city that are problematic and not safe to walk past.

Do **NOT** try to call an Uber or Taxify/Bolt from Park Station. There is no parking for these services at Park Station and as they are at war with the Metered Cabs you can get yourself easily into an ugly situation by calling Uber or Taxify from the station. If you get to Park Station by Gautrain, take the escalators up immediately in front of the turnstiles where you exit the station. At the top of the escalators you will see the metered cabs parked. Take a metered cab from there to Gandhi Square (expect to pay around R70 or R80 for the cab).

IF YOU COME BY CAR:

NOTE THE M2 ELEVATED HIGHWAY HAS BEEN REOPENED SO IT IS REALLY EASY TO GET TO US!

From the north, take the M1 South and then the M2 East.

Take the Rissik Street offramp.

Once in Rissik Street, cross 4 traffic lights (in close succession).

The 4th traffic light is at Gandhi Square with the square on your right. Cross this traffic light and then just BEFORE Nando's turn right onto the paving of the square (there is an open white boom gate) and drive onto the paving past Pizza Hut until you see the entrance to the underground parking right next to our building and close to the Gandhi sculpture. The parking entrance is between Pizza Hut and Sanlam.

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 me Charlie Moyo on 062 121 6188. As I may be busy with a tour and unable to answer, try a text or whatsapp.

THE **THUNDER WALKER** on Gandhi Square is operated by JoburgPlaces and comprises:
Zwipi Underground (event space and open for public dinners on Friday and Saturdays)
Scatterlings Arcade (event space and open for public lunches on Saturdays)
Town Square Banqueting Hall (event space)
Balcony Gardens Boutique Hotel (still under renovation)

Find information on our tours, storytelling dinners and event spaces on www.joburgplaces.com