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The largest airport in South Africa is known as the Johannesburg OR Tambo International. It is also the hub of air transportation for Southern Africa. If you are flying to South Africa, then Jhb OR Tambo is the major airport, unless you made a booking for a [flight](#) to the Lanseria airport.

OR Tambo, earlier known as JHB International, carries about 20 million passengers annually. It accounts for nearly half the air traffic, coming in and going out of [South Africa](#).

It's hard to imagine that the bustling modern city of Johannesburg was once a small shanty town, full of miners with diamond dreams in their eyes. Not only is Johannesburg South Africa's biggest city and a busy stronghold of business and trade, it's also a good [travel](#) destination for a pleasure-seeking tourist.

To get a glimpse of Johannesburg's past, visit Gold Reef City. It also offers a trip to a mineshaft and some present day entertainment. For a quicker look at the tradition of the area, visit the Lesedi Cultural Village, which is a mixed group, comprising of Xhosa, Basotho, Zulu, and Pedi folks. You may find this experience highly pleasing and enlightening, as you see the dances and get information their culture and history.

Most visitors head for Soweto and Nelson Mandela's former home, the Hector Pieterse Memorial Museum and the Regina Mundi Church. Don't forget to lay the dust with a quick drink at a "shebeen". The most famous of these is called Wandie's Place.

You may like to visit the Johannesburg Zoo, which keeps its animals without any bars. It has gone far in reproducing the natural habitats for the animals. This is a good option if you can not visit a real nature reserve. When you are in the surrounding area, you may even hire a rowboat, and spend some time on the Zoo Lake and enjoy bird watching. If you feel a little hungry by the end of the day, get into the Moyo's to enjoy the African delicacies accompanied by the some good African music, which the city has to offer.

Another very interesting sight is just an hour's drive away from Johannesburg, it is called The Cradle of Humankind, which is a World Heritage site. The Sterkfontein Caves can be found here. In this place, Mrs. Ples, a skull, 3 million year old was first found in 1947.

Johannesburg is a haven for the shoppers. It offers exciting shopping experiences. There are stylish malls like Sandton City, Hyde Park, and Nelson Mandela Square; and on the other hand a wide variety of lively African flea markets. Most travellers just can't go without purchasing some striking arts and crafts, available for sale at the markets. Some of such articles are traditional carvings, local wire-work, bead work, and fertility dolls.

The city specializes in food and wine. The local cuisine is highly influenced by the cultures of this place. You can get anything from Malaysian, Creole, African, Indian, French, Mexican, Italian, and Moroccan. Ensure that you have enough time at hand while visiting Johannesburg, so that you can explore all that this amazing city offers to tourists.

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