

THE PERFECT 10

Southern Sun is the Home of Miss World 2008 and Jo'burg is the host city – here's how the world's most beautiful women should enjoy Jozi

1 For early evening cocktails ...

Xai Xai (pronounced Shy Shy) on the stylish Melville strip, attracts a cornucopia of local artists, trendy students and intellectuals. It's an artsy Mozambican-flavoured chill out with a reputation for serving original drinks, like the *dharwa*, a North African cocktail made from fresh lime, sugar, mint, honey and cane.

If you find the down-to-earth, feel-good atmosphere appealing, you might want to stay beyond cocktail hour and try one of the famous prawn dishes.

☎ 011 482 6990 / 082 464 3503

2 Sophisticated Champagne drinkers should head to ...

Katzy's in Rosebank to quaff copious amounts of French bubbly. The party starts here. Experience style and fashion amid the uber-trendy in-crowd. A thoroughly chilled-out American-style piano bar – Katzy's twist on a New York jazz club-cum-cigar bar – has the crowd loosening suit ties or dangling high heels from finely pedicured toes while wrapped snugly into fat Art Deco-styled sofas.

☎ 011 880 3945



3 The hottest dinner spot is ...

Moyo. The essence of African art, music and high quality traditional food has been harnessed and fused to create a sublime dining experience that has an almost cult-like following. Jozi's elite go to Moyo to experience a hot line-up of local and international artists and bands, the best of overland African cuisine, and a little retail decor shopping therapy.

You'll find this all-senses-involved entertainment at all three Jozi Moyos: Melrose Arch, Jo'burg Zoo and the Market Theatre.

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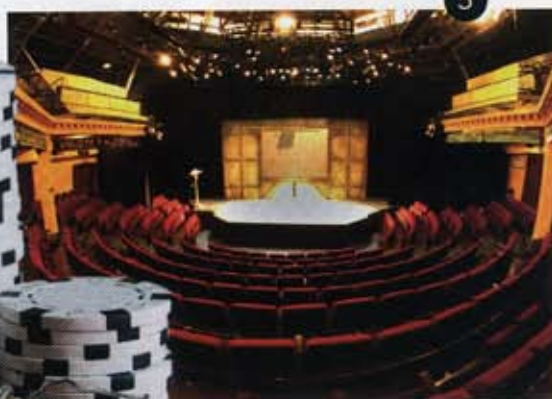


4 For high-rolling, go to ...

The new Poker Room at Montecasino. Feel a hot flush coming on? Winning at poker is not just about luck, there certainly is some skill involved. If you've an eye for royalty you'll want a place at one of the six dedicated poker tables at Montecasino's recently launched Poker Room.

The Montecasino suite also houses 60 poker machines and will be the venue for the 2009 SA Poker Open.

☎ 011 510 7000



5 For a night of culture, head to ...

The Newtown Cultural Precinct that houses The Market Theatre. This beautiful building was reconstructed in 1976, from its original 1913 Indian Fruit Market roots.

Housing three separate theatres, the complex has become known worldwide for its anti-apartheid plays and reflections on South Africa's cultural, social and political struggles. The artistic facade of The Market truly reflects its intention to present the highest possible artistic standards in theatre, music, dance and allied arts. Proudly South African from its foundations up, The Market provides 'a voice to the voiceless' with its never-ending menu of award-winning productions.

☎ 011 832 1641 / 082 381 0663/4/5

6 Dance till late at ...

The Rock in Soweto. The pumped-out sounds of Kwaito and African jazz, selected by the The Rock's in-house DJ, keeps the party atmosphere rocking until the early hours. Cosy chat-lines ripple through the nightclub where you get to spend time on the roof deck – enjoying the spectacular night lights of Soweto – or imbibing a drink at the unique ice bar, a funky drink-cooling ice trough.

This is one of the trendiest hot spots in Soweto and is a popular haunt for residents and tourists alike.

☎ 011 986 8182

7 Buy beautiful, unique corsetry from ...

Arwen. Arwen is SA's only couture corsetiere and one of only a handful worldwide. Handmade corsetry is delicately stitched, boned and created from fabrics like silk, taffeta, brocade and cotton.

Arwen designs not just for comfort but weaves beauty into each item, treating them as individual works of art. The femininity of Arwen's creations is also evident in her range of eveningwear, daywear and jackets. Limited quantities of off-the-rack designs are available – or have yours custom-made.

☎ 011 447 0247



8 The newest shopping hot spot is ...

Maponya Mall in Soweto. Discerning shoppers are enjoying the 60 000m² of prime retail therapy to be had from international concept-driven retail stores and boutiques such as Italian shoe company Geox, Woodin Le Crâteur, Vilsco and familiar names like Diesel, Guess, Nike, Levi's, Aldo and Kurt Geiger.

This mall boasts world-class design aesthetics and features not yet seen in SA's regional shopping centres and is the spot where trendy Sowetan fashionistas go to be seen, to eat and socialise.

☎ 011 938 4448

9 Amazing make-up (of a different kind) is to be had at ...

The Origins Centre at Wits University. Trace genetic make-up through DNA, see the earliest image made by man, take an 80 000-year journey to the present, despair at the destruction of southern African rock art traditions and experience the oldest-known ritual still practised. This unique world-class museum uses cutting-edge technology combined with artistic creative vision, to take visitors on a trip of discovery.

☎ 011 717 4700

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10 For unparalleled pampering ...

The Spa at Sandton Sun. In the heart of Jo'burg, you can relax, unwind and be completely pampered by the Indonesian-trained therapists. Try the spa's signature Sea Whisperer massage if you want to totally bliss out.

☎ 011 780 5000

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