



For a Pretoria bar with a European flavour, try the trendy **Baracas Wine & Beer Bar** in Groenkloof. An extensive craft beer, wine and cocktail menu is complemented by a menu of "European gastro pub food infused with an African influence". Tel: 012 460 5291. Visit: <http://baracas.co.za> In Brooklyn, award-winning restaurant **Kream** (tel: 011 780 5000. Visit: www.tsogosunhotels.com/deluxe/sandton-sun/dining) offers fine dining amidst breathtaking contemporary decor, while celebrated Indian restaurant **Geet** takes diners on a lavish spice journey. Tel: 012 460 3199/3164. Visit: www.geetindianrestaurant.com With a kitchen run by Chantel Dartnall, 2014 San Pellegrino Chef of the Year, opulent, fine-dining restaurant **Mosaic at the Orient** in Elandsfontein provides a feast for the senses. Tel: 012 371 2902/314/5. Visit: www.restaurantmosaic.com

WE RECOMMEND:

For a special occasion, try **Licorish Bistro** at Nicolway in Bryanston, famous for its intricately prepared tasting plates offering three small portions of mains and desserts, complemented by a unique wine selection. Tel: 011 706 0991. Visit: www.licorishbistro.co.za For a true African dining experience, try **Tribes** at Emperors Palace in Kempton Park. Tel: 011 397 6512. Visit: www.tribesafrica.co.za



WHERE TO SHOP

If there's one thing that sets Gauteng apart, it's its celebrated shopping malls. Arguably the crown prince is **Sandton City**, home to hundreds of the best local and international brands. Movies, dining experiences and the interleading **Nelson Mandela Square**, with its famed statue of Madiba within its European-styled piazza, complete your shopping experience. A few kilometres away lies **Melrose Arch**, boasting a distinctive Afro-European ambience and offering an ever-growing array of retail stores and cosmopolitan sidewalk restaurants. The shopping complex also features a mid-monthly **Sunday Banting Market** featuring delicious low-carb, high-fat, gluten- and sugar-free foods and health products.



Hyde Park Corner, "Africa's centre of luxury", is a prestigious mall known for its global brands, with cutting-edge fashion from the likes of Emporio Armani, Burberry and Luminance. A few kilometres away is **The Mall of Rosebank**. Recently refurbished, it offers art nouveau movies and a wide range of fashion and homeware stores. The adjacent **Zone** is young and vibrant, leading into the upmarket complex of **The Firs**. In the East Rand, try **Greenstone Mall**, now home to SA's first Hamleys toy store. Or head to Randburg and explore Gauteng shopping institution **Cresta**, with its refreshing mix of retail and entertainment.



Seeking artistic inspiration? Head to the **Design Quarter** in Fourways or explore the courtyards and stores at **44 Stanley** in Milpark, which offers a selection of specialty stores including antiques, decor, books, furniture and delicious restaurants. Or opt for the artistic and edgy **27Boxes** in the bohemian suburb of Melville, built entirely of shipping containers – a South African first.

In Pretoria, the centrally located **Brooklyn Mall** offers over 250 retail stores and a wide range of restaurants, as well as in- and outdoor mini-golf, while

FUN FACT:

60% of tourists from the rest of the continent cite shopping as their main reason for visiting Gauteng.