

EAT YOUR HEART OUT

The decor of this Tel Aviv-inspired little eatery with its tables on the pavement is Instagram-worthy and constantly evolving. It includes the 'toches' cushion (yiddish for bottom) and other quirky innovations by popular T-shirt and homewares brand Love Jozu and top local fashion design label Black Coffee. Sit inside at the counter or opt for a table outside with a great view of Maboneng's cool streets and activity. Try the latkes (potato rosti) with a range of toppings, the shakshuka or the excellent schwartz salad, and order a freshly pressed juice to go with it. ► G-5, Cnr Fox and Kruger Sts, Maboneng, City Centre, tel. +27 72 586 0600, eatyourheartout.co.za. Open 07:30–16:00. Sat, Sun 07:30–18:00. Closed Mon. R. ☕️

TURKISH SHAWARWA AND GRILL

This is a great value, down-to-earth family-run halal restaurant on Melville's colourful main street. The interior has the business-like atmosphere of a canteen but you won't recall that once you have sampled from the extensive menu that includes grilled meats, shawarmas and kebabs, freshly baked breads and a range of tasty salads and dips which you can mix and match. Order a grilled platter to share and there'll be plenty left over for home time. For those days when you don't want to eat out somewhere fancy. ► Cnr 7th and 3rd Ave, Melville, tel. +27 11 482 1125. Open 11:30–21:00, Fri–Sun 11:30–22:00. R. No alcohol. ☕️

PORUGUESE

THE TROYEVILLE HOTEL

The unfussy Portuguese cuisine with a Mozambican influence never disappoints here. This authentically dated hotel in the arty neighbourhood of Troyeville has a lot of credit with local political activists, artists and musicians and hosts regular literary evenings. It is also a famous spot for lunch and drinks before rugby matches at the nearby Emirates Airline Park, or for a weekend outing. Enjoy a lazy meal with plates of prawns, grilled calamari, sardines, saucy steaks and chicken livers with plenty of fries and a simple side salad. Chef Laurence Jones is also behind the new restaurant at Maboneng's Hallmark House (see *Where to Stay*). ► H-4, 1403 Albertina Sisulu Rd (Cnr Dave St), Troyeville, tel. +27 11 402 7709, troyevillehotel.co.za. Open 11:00–22:00 (does open later depending on the crowd). RRR. ☕️ Guarded parking at the rear entrance.

PARRERINHA

Named after the little grapevine inside the restaurant, Parrerinha is an unpretentious spot, located in an old police station in south Joburg. Hundreds of men's ties hang from the ceiling, adding character to what is already a colourful place. The menus may be enclosed in a flip file, but the dishes are anything but ordinary. The flavoursome speciality dishes such as the bacalhau (cod) and grilled prawns have plenty of Mozambican influence (spiced with a garlic and chili sauce). ► 9 6th St (Augusta Rd), La Rochelle, Rosettenville, tel. +27 11 435 3809. Open 12:00–22:00. Closed Sun. RRR. Corkage R50. ☕️



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OUT OF TOWN

DA GRAZIELLA PIZZERIA

On Sunday afternoons this place is packed with Italian families sitting at long tables piled high with mouthwatering dishes. Run by a Sicilian brother and sister team, the service is welcoming and there's an excellent range of choices on the menu. Start with a platter of roasted vegetables that include the Nastri Piccanti Melanzane (brinjal ribbons with chili) and move on from there to pasta or pizza, and excellent veal dishes with heavenly sides. Approximately 40 minutes' drive east from central Sandton, on the way to OR Tambo airport. ► 74 Dunvegan Ave, Edenvale, tel. +27 11 454 6202, dagraziella.co.za. Open 12:00–15:30 and 18:00–21:30, Sun 12:00–15:30. Closed Mon. RRRRR.

MOSAIC AT THE ORIENT

Chef Chantel Dartnall is South Africa's princess of posh nosh. The à la carte and tasting menus at her restaurant (set inside a garish pastiche of a North African castle west of Pretoria, about an hour's drive from Joburg) are pricey but worth every penny. Influences are eclectic and styles vary but Dartnall's food is superb, always delicate yet layered with robust flavours and exceptional to look at. ► Orient Hotel, Elandsfontein, tel. +27 12 371 2902, restaurant-mosaic.com. Open for lunch 12:30–15:00 (Wed–Sun), dinner 19:00–21:00 (Wed, Fri, Sat and for group bookings on Thu). Tasting menus from R625–R1185, plus optional wine pairing. À la carte. RRRR. ☕️

NINETEEN NINE

This is the restaurant, club house and bar of the impressive Steyn City Golf Course. Made of glass and brick Nineteen has a green planted roof that blends into its magnificent surroundings. Service is top-notch as the staff are trained at the Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa (owned by Steyn City's Drouw Steyn). This might be Joburg's priciest round of golf, but your meal won't break the bank. Enjoy casual dishes served in generous portions, including a delicious towering burger, traditional Cobb salad and specialities such as excellent seared salmon, seafood risotto and sumac-crusted Springbok loin. For sundowners there is a bar snack menu and a range of cocktails. ► 1 Clubhouse Ln, Steyn City, Dainfern, tel. +27 11 597 1009, steyncity.co.za/nineteen-restaurant. Open 07:00–21:00. RRRRR. Reservations required. ☕️