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As the largest city in South Africa, Johannesburg is a very prosperous city. In addition, it's also a focal point for African history and cultural tradition. This quality makes it a popular destination for vacationers, especially those who are looking for the ultimate city experience. If you plan on traveling to Johannesburg, remember you will need to get a passport prior to departure. Expired passports are easily renewed with expedited passport renewal.

### You Will Need A Passport To Get There

Passport renewals are not the only thing online passport services can handle. No matter what you need - passport replacements, passport renewals, passport pages, or even a passport name change (a service for those recently married or divorced or some other such reason), it can all be done online. The best part about online service is the ability to do it all right from your home computer and on your own time, making it the quick and convenient solution to any last minute passport issue.

### The Apartheid Museum

So much of Africa's history has been dominated by violence and oppression, cruelty and death. One way to experience this rough history is by visiting the famous Apartheid Museum. It's powerful and sometimes shocking displays of information and photographs make it well-known in the area, and it's definitely unlike any other museum around. If you are interested in art, visit the Johannesburg Art Gallery. It's actually the largest gallery in Africa, but it contains artwork from all over the world. The South African Museum of Rock Art has an area called the Origins Centre that explores the origins of humans on Earth.

### Lion Park

While in Johannesburg, do not make the mistake of missing out on Lion Park. It's unlike a zoo in that the animals run wild in a natural habitat, but visitors are given the opportunity to get very close to them. This includes getting to pet lion cubs, feed huge giraffes, and take a tour (either guided or not) in a vehicle through the park, where you can get so close to the zebras, meerkats, and even full grown lions.

### Rosebank

If you are looking to do a little shopping for authentic and hand-made souvenirs, head to Rosebank for the Sunday flea market. Located on the roof of a mall, it is a fun and different way to do a little shopping. It's also a good opportunity to people-watch and see what every day life is like. If you can't make it on Sundays, the mall underneath is open everyday of the week. Another fun place to shop is Oriental Plaza, which features more than 350 independently owned stores. The owners of these stores are eager to bargain prices, a practice that isn't widely encountered in Johannesburg.

### Melville

Another one of Johannesburg's fun neighborhoods is Melville, an area particularly known for its artsy feel, eclectic stores, and cute restaurants. It's a good place in which to spend a day exploring, eating good food, and taking in the sights.

So many people love visiting Johannesburg because of the amount of culture and history to explore and uncover. Be sure to double check to make sure your passport is valid and acceptable for travel. If you discover that it is expired, look into [Expedited U S passport renewal](#) service. Even if you have another issue with your passport, like you need a [USA passport name change](#), remember you can do that online as well.

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