

Joburg bound ... with Hasmita Nair

You're stuck in Joburg these holidays and depression sets in ... wait a minute, that doesn't sound right! Yes, navigating this maze of a city is one helluva daunting task but we know someone who's somewhat of an expert on everything that is, well, Joburg! It's number cruncher by day and blogger by night, Rivonah's Hasmita Nair. I grew up in Port Elizabeth and spent my entire high school career fantasizing about living among the lights and sparkles of Jozi! And in a desperate attempt to make sure that happened, Hasmita chose to study for a degree that ensured she had no choice but to head for the City of Gold ... actuarial science. Smarty pants, much? Fast forward a few years and she's now working in finance in the treasury department of one of the world's largest mining companies and running her blog, JoziLicious, in which she shares the favourite places she's discovered in Joburg and beyond. I'm fun-loving and restless. I get bored with routine quickly and I'm always looking for new places to go and new things to do in Jozi. My blog is focused on my two passions ... food and travel. If you've ever stuck around after the mass exodus to the coast during the festive season you'll know that Joburg is a real treat! I love sleeping in during the week ... because there's no one left in Joburg, my commute to work takes half the usual time and I can sleep in until 7:30 instead of the usual 6:30! You see ... being stuck here isn't so bad. And when you get a day off there's plenty to do too. I'll definitely make sure that my nails are in tip-top shape this summer and my favourite nail salon is SOHO NYC Salon in Sandton City. The dedicated parking bays, free wifi and massaging chairs make it the most glam nail salon in Jozi. I often find myself sitting next to celebs such as Edith Venter. Jozi's beautiful weather in December makes me want to spend as much time outdoors as possible and the trendiest place to pop by for an after work drink is the Southern Sun Hyde Park rooftop bar. For a great Christmas lunch, I'd probably go to Casillona in Muldersdrift. I like the idea of taking a drive out to the country during the holidays and it's so beautiful out there. Fourways Farmers' Market is my new favourite way to spend a Sunday afternoon and if there's



ever any doubt, go to Parkhurst. I love strolling along 4th Avenue on a Saturday morning while (window) shopping. Coffee and a slice of cake at Vovo Telo along the way is a must! It's (almost) a shame that Hasmita's off to India these holidays. I'm going with my mother and my mother-in-law, which should make for an interesting combination. We'll be visiting Kerala and Mumbai. It's really such an affordable holiday, even in December, and I love the food there. Here's what's on Hasmita's wish list this year. I'm dying for a MacBook Air. My current laptop is so bulky and my hectic schedule means that I need to work wherever I am, including on flights and weekends away. I'd love to have a PC that fits into my handbag. I also really want a pair of Beats by Dre headphones and some beautiful Kristen Goss jewelry! Details: www.joziliciousblog.co.za or @Hasmita



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