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Come alive this week
at the Joburg City Festival



Any time this week – be it morning, afternoon, or evening – is a great time to spend time at the Joburg City Festival.

IF YOU'VE always wanted to hang out in the inner city, but are not really sure where to go, or what to do, the Joburg City Festival has been designed just for you. Taking place from today until Saturday, the festival comprises a series of events throughout the city – from fashion and art to film and food.

Tourism establishments in the inner city have collaborated to present a comprehensive set of experiences that will thrill the family. Key focus times of the festival are weekday lunchtimes and evenings, and all day today and on Saturday.

Many are still averse to the city, which is a pity, because in the past year or so it has come alive, and the Joburg City Festival exposes this. The streets will be filled with people, with shops and restaurants open until late. For this week, it is the place to be.

Here are some of the highlights. Note that there is lots more taking place in addition to the below, and for some events booking is essential. Visit www.joburgcity.net for details.

Today:

Start your day with a massage at the Pyramid Day Spa, one of Joburg's classiest and most upmarket spas. They're running a special for the week – a 45-minute back, neck and shoulder massage will cost you R200.

The best way to explore the city is on foot. There will be a variety of walking tours, including a "Gandhi to Mandela" tour, and a "Graffiti" tour, featuring street art

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by local and international artists.

From there, visit the restaurant festival at Maboneng, where the various restaurants in the precinct will have special offers. Make sure to visit The Living Room for their Photosynthesis Rooftop Party.

In the late afternoon, drop by the Protea Hotel Parktonian in Braamfontein for skyline sun-downers with a view over the city – enjoy a flame-grilled kebab plus gluwein for R75, or go to Gandhi Square for the First Annual Jozi Street Ball Cup Championships.

There are a host of parties taking place in the afternoon – take your pick from sun-downers at the Elevate Rooftop Bar, situated on the 16th floor of the Reef Hotel, or live music at Randlords.

Tomorrow until Friday:

The ABSA Money Museum, housing a large collection of antique coins, is waiving its entrance fee for the week.

The Joburg Culinary School will be having an "all-you-can-eat-pasta-Monday" while Blackanese is hosting an "all-you-can-eat-sushi" event tomorrow.

Lamunu Restaurant and Bar is offering a food and craft beer pairing for lunch all week.

Between 1pm and 2pm,



The Living Room will host a rooftop party.

every day, you can watch a fashion show at the Fashion Kapitool.

Between 3pm and 5pm all week, Doubleshot Coffee & Tea in Braamfontein is offering a high tea, with French pastries and a selection of full leaf teas.

The Bioscope at Maboneng

will be screening a different movie each evening.

From Wednesday to Friday Turbine Hall in Newtown is hosting a "Tapas in the city" event (4pm-9pm), a tapas and cocktail experience in a street setting.

On Friday, Cramers Coffee is

holding a Barista Jam to determine which coffee shop makes Joburg's best coffee, while Turbine hall is hosting an underground dinner with live music. At 6.30pm, there will be a "Critical Mass Cycling Through the City" event, starting at 70 Juta Street. Party the night away at Zen nightclub at Maboneng from 8pm onwards.

Saturday:

SAB World of Beer is offering a museum tour where visitors can explore the history of beer.

At Ernest Oppenheimer Park, there will be a "3 on 3" basketball tournament all day.

Lamunu Restaurant will be showcasing South Africa's best craft beers, allowing guests to sample or purchase beers.

At 11am, Cramer's Coffee's barista will show home coffee makers how to make espresso art and produce the best froth on a cappuccino.

At 3.30pm, Past Experiences Tours will host a "Spicy Fordsburg" tour, starting at The Train on the corner of Mint and Central roads.

Getting there: Hop onto the Gautrain, get off at Park Station and use the J2 Gautrain bus to the Reef Hotel, where you can connect with shuttles going to the festival precincts. Or park at one of the designated parking areas outside the inner city – Milpark, Constitutional Hill, Maboneng or The Pyramid, and take a shuttle car or tuk tuk to your destination.

For details, visit <http://joburgcity.net/festival-transport>

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YOU know how you always avoid sitting in the front row at a stand-up comedy show because you know you are going to get picked on? Interviewing a comedian is a hundred times scarier. I sat down with Sans Moonsamy and Kas Pillay, otherwise known as "Those Indian Guys", who are bringing their hilarious show of the same name to the Auto & General Theatre on the Square from August 20 to 31.

Moonsamy and Pillay both studied

Those Indian guys

drama in Durban, and then moved to acting on stage. Both have always had a flair for comedy and have appeared in various television commercials. Inspired by the likes of Ben Voss and Aaron McIlroy, the two have always wanted to work together. And so, *Those Indian Guys* was born.

The production will be "the best of" their sell-out *Those Indian Guys* series, featuring some wacky characters and sketch comedy. Vishnoo, played by Moonsamy, is the ultimate Indian stereotype and highly intelligent. Aunty Saras, played by Pillay, is the neighbour everyone can relate to: the one who borrows but never lends. Then there are Devon and Delon, who sell gold teeth to Capetonians. The show is high energy from the first moment.

When asked if the two are worried

about offending people, they explain that they are sensitive regarding controversial issues like religion and race, and aim to take their audience on a journey where they buy into the characters and understand their perspectives. Sans and Kas say the show is a celebration of South African comedy with an Indian flavour – they like to call it "comedy with an East infection".

Book at www.strictlytickets.com. Performances are at 8.15pm from Tue – Fri and at 6pm and 8.30pm on Sat. Tickets are R120.



Sans Moonsamy and Kas Pillay.