

Fine dining



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For the classiest dinner in town, head to **Five Hundred at the Saxon Hotel**.

Chef Dave Higgs scooped the 2013 Chef of the Year Award for his innovative take on contemporary cuisine. At **dw eleven-13** Chef Marthinus Ferreira serves classic cuisine with a global twist in a sedate setting. For a lively bistro atmosphere there is **Green Peppercorn** in a hip Morningside shopping centre, which also houses **Signature**, renowned for excellent seafood and panoramic views. The decor at **The Winehouse** was inspired by a painting of Amy Winehouse bought by the owner of 10 Bompas Hotel in France. With a bistro-chic setting, the menu has lots of unfussy French classics. Take a 45-minute drive to visit **Mosaic at the Orient** Hotel. Chef Chantel Dartnell is the queen of fine dining. Your plate will look like an artwork and will taste exceptional. Visit **Roots**, Forum Homini hotel's signature restaurant, for a killer Saturday brunch, Sunday lunch and food and wine pairings. Not a classical choice but elegantly rustic, **Eatery JHB** has a small, seasonal menu, with a French twist. Advanced booking essential for all restaurants.

dw eleven-13 Dunkeld West Shopping Centre, cnr Jan Smuts Ave and Bompas Rd, Dunkeld West, tel. +27 11 341 0663, www.dw11-13.co.za. ▶ Open lunch 12:00–14:30, dinner 18:30–22:00. Sun 12:00–15:00. Closed Mon. Corkage R75–R150. **RRRR**. ☎️ 📄 📞

Eatery JHB Cnr 11th St and Victoria Ave, Parkmore, tel. +27 11 783 1570, www.eateryjhb.co.za. ▶ Open lunch Mon–Fri 12:00–15:00, dinner Mon–Sat 18:00–21:30. Closed Sun. **RRR**.

Five Hundred 36 Saxon Rd, Sandhurst, Sandton, tel. +27 11 292 6000, www.saxon.co.za. ▶ Open 18:00–24:00. Closed Sun, Mon. **RRRR**.

Green Peppercorn Shop U47, Morningside Shopping Centre, cnr Outspan and Rivonia Rds, Sandton, tel. +27 87 940 3899, www.greenpeppercorn.co.za. ▶ Open 12:00–22:00, Sat, Sun 08:00–23:00. **RRR**.

Mosaic at the Orient Francolin Conservation Area, Elandsfontein, Pretoria, tel. +27 12 371 2903, www.restaurantmosaic.com. ▶ Open Wed–Sun 12:30–16:00, Tue–Sun 19:00–late. Closed Mon. **RRRR**.

Roots Letamo Game Estate, R540, Kromdraai, Cradle of Humankind, tel. +27 11 668 7000, www.forumhomini.com/rootsrestaurant. ▶ Open 07:00–23:30. **RRR-RRRR**.

Signature Shop U13, Morningside Shopping Centre, Cnr Outspan and Rivonia Rds, Sandton, tel. +27 11 884 8888, www.signaturerestaurant.co.za. ▶ Open 12:00–24:00, Sun 12:00–16:00. **RRRR**.

The Winehouse Ten Bompas Hotel, 10 Bompas Rd, Dunkeld West, tel. +27 11 341 0282, www.tenbompas.com. ▶ Open 07:00–12:00. Lunch Mon–Sat 12:00–15:00. Dinner Mon–Sat 18:00 until late. **RR-RRR**. ☎️ 📄 📞



The Winehouse, Dunkeld West

Tra Amici Unit 2, The Rosebank Firestation, Bath Ave, Rosebank, tel. +27 83 274 3558. An unfussy daily lunch spot with a fine Italian buffet of salads, lasagnes and the like. The R50 'pavement lunch' takeaway box is a favourite of nearby office workers. Parking in the Rosebank Mall. ▶ Open 08:00–14:00 (lunch buffet starts 12:00). Closed Sat, Sun. **R**. ☎️ 📄

Mediterranean

Crazy Horse 4th Ave, Parktown North, tel. +27 11 880 7924. Eclectic Mediterranean cuisine with a strong Spanish and Italian leaning. Start with the tapas dishes and take it slow to appreciate the delicate flavours of risotto cakes with a mozzarella centre, and fresh, crumbed sardines with polenta seafood fritters. ▶ Open 12:00–15:00 and 17:00–22:00, Sun 12:00–16:00. Closed Mon. Corkage R20. **RR**.

Oliva Bar & Kitchen 178 Oxford Rd, Illovo, tel. +27 11 025 5225. A cosy spot serving tapas and a choice of pasta and gnocci dishes. You'll be forgiven for making a meal of the tapas: parmesan zucchini fingers, lightly fried haloumi cheese, chickpea stew and porcini crostini plus lots of meat and seafood options. ▶ Open 11:00–22:00, Sun 12:00–16:00. Corkage R35.

Pigalle Sandton Shop U09, 4th floor Michelangelo Towers, Maude St, Sandton, tel. +27 11 884 8899, pigallerestaurants.co.za/sandton. Lavishly decorated, there is a rarefied air despite the large platters on which generous portions of meat dishes, peri-peri Mozambican-style chicken and exceptional seafood are served. An extensive wine list. ▶ Open 12:00–16:00 and 18:00–22:30. **RRR-RRRR**. 📄

Mexican

Mama Mexicana G-4, Arts on Main, 264 Fox St, Mabong, City Centre, tel. +27 11 334 1982. Two friends spent their spare time devising a Mexican menu for a market stall which became a full-time gig. The décor is minimalist but the flavours maximalist. Wash it down with a local Mexican beer. ▶ Open 09:00–21:00, Sun 09:00–18:00. Closed Mon. **R**.

Patisserie

Belle's Patisserie Shop 16, Blubird Shopping Centre, Athol Oaklands Rd and Cross St, Birnam, tel. +27 11 440 4474, www.bellespatisserie.co.za. Kosher and halaal home to the best crois-nut in town – try the strawberry-flavour. The red velvet cake is exceptional. Belle's also makes baked goods to order. Stop in for breakfast, lunch or tea. ▶ Open Mon 07:30–17:00, Tue–Fri 07:30–18:00, Sat 08:00–17:00, Sun 08:30–17:00. ☎️ 📄 📞