



The public servants strike has put a lot of services on hold and we are certainly experiencing a great delay in delivering immigration services due to the complete lack of support from the Department of Home Affairs personnel. Their regional offices are still closed and only occasionally we are able to reach an official who would generally tell us to wait and be patient. Our message to everyone affected by the strike is therefore the same, please be patient and try and distract yourself with some of the great events happening in Gauteng in the month of September.

Thank you to everyone who contributed with ideas and suggestions for today's newsletter.

OKTOBERFEST IN SEPTEMBER

Each year the German School of Pretoria hosts the traditional October beer fest in September. The proceeds of the festival go to the school and thus you will be performing a charitable act whilst having fun, beer and greasy German food!



It is traditional to sample some of the large number of South African and German beer brands on tap as well as drop the diet for a day and try

the delicious Eisbein Kassler and variety of German sausages and cakes.

For the kids there will be jumping castles, puppet shows, go carts, climbing wall, merry-go-rounds, village market, hobby fair, car exhibition, pony rides and Main tent with oompah band from Germany "Frankenland-Gädheim"

When: 17th & 18th September

Where: Deutsche Schule, The Willows, Pretoria, Simon Vermooten Rd off N4

Contact: 012 803 4106.

Tickets: www.computicket.com, or at the entrance to the school on the day.

Fee: R 80.00 presale and R100.00 at gate children under 12 for free.

JOBURG DAY

With an all new line-up, 94.7 Highveld Stereo's Joburg Day in association with Santam. Set in open farmland on the outskirts of the city, Riversands is the ideal spot to enjoy a picnic with family and friends, while enjoying the best local talent in the music industry.

2010 Line Up:



The Parlotones, Prime Circle, Freshly Ground, Danny K and Arno Carstens will be featured alongside new

talents such as Jack Parrow, Thembi Seete, Liquideep and La Vuvuzela. Audiences can also expect to hear the lyrical talents of Loyiso, Denim and HHP, featuring PJ Powers.

Where: Riversands Farm, Fourways

When: Saturday 4th September

Cost: R 200.00 for adults and R 70.00 for children

Web: www.computicket.co.za

WHITE RIVER RAFTING ON THE CROCODILE RIVER

Join Paddle Power, a tour operation run by a



passionate river ranger for a whitewater rafting adventure. Enjoy a feast on the banks of the river after your rafting trip.

A day trip covers roughly 18km, with no less than 18 rapids with a picnic lunch served alongside the river.

Web: www.paddlepower.co.za

Contact: 012 205 1278 / 082 956 3597

Tickets: R201 – R500 per person

MAMMA MIA AT MONTE CASINO

With more productions playing internationally than any other musical, MAMMA MIA. Is a global smash hit. Over 40 million people around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story and the music that makes MAMMA MIA an original musical love story featuring 22 of ABBA's hits including: *Chiquitita*; *Dancing Queen*; *I Have a Dream*; *Knowing Me, Knowing You* and *The Winner Takes It All*.



Where: The Teatro at Monte Casino, Witkoppen Rd, Pineslopes, Johannesburg

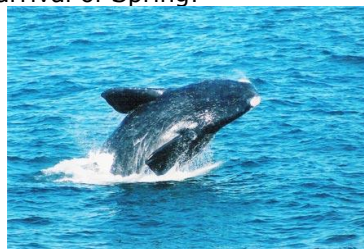
Tickets: www.computicket.co.za R115-R390.00

When: 1st October - 12 December 2010

Website: www.mammamiasa.co.za

HERMANUS WHALE FESTIVAL

The Hermanus Whale Festival, the only Enviro-Arts festival in South Africa, is held annually to celebrate the return of the Southern Right whales to the waters of Walker Bay, our magnificent environment and the arrival of Spring!



Hermanus, known as the best land based whale watching destination in the world, plays host to thousands of visitors who flock to

the seaside resort to exhilarate in the unique natural environment, watch whales, join in the world's only Welcome Whales Wave and revel in music, comedy, cabaret and African rhythms every night during the Festival.

When: 24 -28th September

Hermanus Festival Office: 028 313 0928

www.whalefestival.co.za

FROZEN UK PENSIONS

Here is some financial info which may be useful to foreigners in South Africa:

If you have ever worked in the UK and have a private or company pension there is a HMRC approved scheme that will now allow you to transfer 100% of your pension pot into an offshore pension scheme in Guernsey (QROPS). If your pension qualifies the benefits of QROPS are:

- Tax free growth
- Tax free income in SA
- 100% of pension pot left to named beneficiaries, as opposed to 50% of the income in the UK
- No need to purchase an annuity
- Your investments stays in Sterling (£)
- Optional access at 55, as opposed to 65 in the UK
- Becomes unfrozen i.e. You can contribute to it again if you wish
- No matter where you move in the world, your pension stays in the neutral offshore jurisdiction of Guernsey

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94.7 CYCLE CHALLENGE

Joburg's most popular race is happening again this November 21st.

Start planning now if you want to be a part of this event or book the weekend to go away and avoid the road closures.

Proceeds go to charity.



The new improved route for the race will highlight regenerated areas of the Jo'burg CBD. It will offer a challenging ride for serious cyclists and a visually entertaining and exciting route for the rest of the pack. Taking over the landmark iconic Nelson Mandela Bridge and the city's highways with only pedal power will be a buzz for cyclists.

When: 21 November, main event
20 November, mountain biking
13 November, children's challenge

Web: www.cyclechallenge.co.za

Cost: R232.50 + VAT R32.50 + CSA rider levy R5
Total: R270

Start: R55 before Maxwell Drive in Sunninghill from 05h30 till 09:21

Entries close: 27 September

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS: KNOW SOUTH AFRICA

Foreigners to South Africa can learn a vast amount of its history and inter-cultural relations by visiting the places listed below. This is a suggestion from an American expatriate who found all these historical places worth visiting.

There were so many enjoyable and unique places to visit around Jo'burg it is difficult to name them all, but a few come to mind that you might consider including in future newsletters:

- The Apartheid Museum www.apartheidmuseum.org
- Vortrekker Monument: www.voortrekkermon.org.za
- Parliament Building
www.southafrica.com/gauteng/pretoria/union-building/
- Greensleeves Medieval Kingdom in Roodeport
www.greensleeves.co.za
- Sisulu Gardens www.sanbi.org

Blu Saffron



I can really recommend Blu Saffron at the Pretoria Country Club - especially their Sunday a la carte menu. It has 4 private dining rooms and outside patio with comfortable seating looking over the 1st tee. The menu is changed twice a month.

Where: Pretoria Country Club

Contact: 012 346 0223/4

Web: www.ptacc.co.za



Yay or Nay! Remember to tell us about your experiences in South Africa, positive or negative, we would love to post them in the next edition and share with everyone interested.