

# Year-End Travel & Celebrations

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## Italy is steeped in Jewish history



Arch of Titus



Tempio Maggiore Firenze (The Great Temple of Florence).



Bridge over a canal in the ghetto of Venice.

**BARRY BILEWITZ**

NOW THAT MANY financial gurus think that we've bottomed out of the recession, it may be a good time to plan that year-end overseas trip, especially since there are quite a few tours available at very good rates. The tourist industry - like most others - is still feeling the financial pinch.

Many of us are interested in our roots and enjoy visiting museums, ruins and old buildings relating to Jewish history. These can be found all over Israel, including world-famous archaeological sites at Safed in the north, Masada in the east, Jerusalem - a focal point of three major religions - and Jaffa, the ancient harbour which has since become a modern seaport.

Besides Israel, the oldest Jewish communities in Europe can be traced to Italy. While it is thought by some historians, that Judah the Maccabee sent an embassy to Rome in 161 BCE, it is more certain that his brother Simon sent ambassadors to sign a treaty with Rome against the Greeks a few years later and received a warm welcome from Jews that were already living in Rome.

The historic presence of Jews in Italy over the

last two millennia can be seen in the wonderful architecture of the old synagogues - some of which are in use today - and ghettos - still inhabited by Jewish families, but obviously without any restriction to their democratic freedom!

The first ghetto in the world was created in Venice in 1516. The word ghetto means foundry which was replaced by the Jewish district, but by which name the area was still known. At one time there were five synagogues in the Venetian ghetto and three of them can still be visited today.

The Great Synagogue of Florence was opened in 1882. Its walls were decorated in gold plate to highlight its Moorish designs. The Nazis used the synagogue as a warehouse and stable during the Second World War and tried unsuccessfully to blow it up.

In 1944 Sappers Leon Dison and Hymie Bloch of the South African Engineers Corps were instructed to check the shul for booby-traps. Fortunately it was clear and the community lost no time in restoring it after the war.

Rome is where the history of the Jews in Italy began. After Titus had conquered Israel in 66

AD and destroyed the Second Temple in 70 AD, many Jews were taken to Rome as slaves. Titus' brother - the emperor Domitian - erected the Arch of Titus to commemorate the victory in 81 AD. This is probably the oldest Jewish-related building in Italy that is still intact and it is a tradition among Jews not to walk under this arch because of what it honours.

Carl Mayer von Rothschild opened a branch of the family bank in Naples in 1821, the only Rothschild bank in Italy at the time. Owing to the influ-

ence of his son Baron Adolf von Rothschild, a synagogue was built in Naples in 1864 - a year after the bank had to close its doors as a result of the unification of Italy and the close family ties with Austria and France; enemies of the new Kingdom of Italy.

For those who want to combine their historical immersion with something a little more energetic, there is a surfeit of ski resorts in the Alps - Italian, Austrian and Swiss. And they're just a short hop away from Turin, Milan or Venice.

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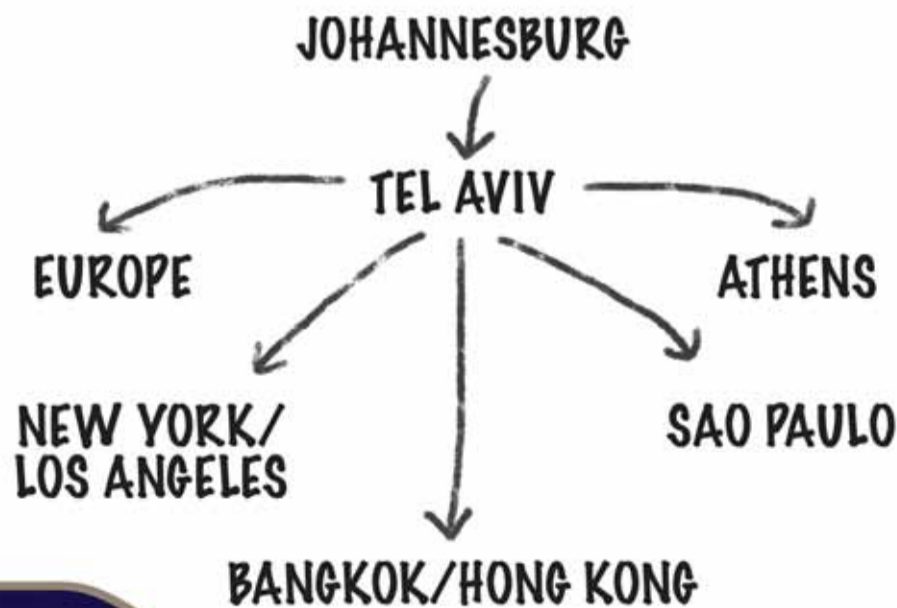


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Do not compromise on the quality of your jacket as it is the most important piece of clothing when skiing. Other essentials include waterproof pants, a mid-layer fleece will assist in keeping you warm while a moisture management top wicks moisture away from the body.

Wear this over your thermals for extra warmth. Finally, wear thermal

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**Other useful items include:**

**Socks** (liner and outer) - We stock thin, liner socks and thick, outer socks. Some prefer wearing two layers, others one. In most ski conditions you will need at least the thicker socks. Both wick sweat away from the skin.

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**Sunglasses** - UV-protected, polarised sunglasses are a must to cut out the glare of the sun reflecting off the snow.

**Sunscreen** - You can get extremely sunburned while skiing. Always try and carry some sunscreen with you.

**Lip ice** - With the wind and the cold, chapped lips are commonplace on the slopes. Always keep lip ice close at hand.

**Trail shoes** - After a heavy day skiing, swap your boots for a comfortable pair of track or trail shoes. Make sure that they have enough traction to keep you upright in the snow.

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**Centre: K-Way gear in action.**

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The US\$1 package, first launched in April this year, comprises exclusive deals on hotel

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"We were encouraged and overwhelmed by the demand of the Fabulous Singapore Stopover Package when we first launched it in April, and sincerely thank customers for their ardent support.

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Mr Chew Tiong Heng, Singapore Tourism Board's Director of Destination Marketing, said: "The Fabulous Singapore Stopover Package is yet another reason to visit Singapore."

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The first three days will be spent in Rome with visits to the Jewish Catacombs, Old Appian Way, Coliseum, Baths of Caracalla and the Circus Maximus.

Afternoon excursions will include visits to the Great Synagogue of Rome, the Jewish Museum, the Ghetto Ebraica and meeting Jewish members of the Roman community.

On the fourth day you depart for Florence in a luxury air-conditioned coach, stopping off overnight at mediaeval town of Collazone after having visited the artistic town of Perugia.

Stroll through the ancient town of Siena, renowned for its 13th century university and the Monte Dei Paschi - the oldest bank in the world, on the fifth day; then resume your comfortable journey to Florence. There you will see the Piazzale Michelangelo, the Synagogue and Jewish Museum of Florence.

Activities on the sixth day include a walking tour of Florence and the Uffizzi Gallery, a visit to the Leaning Tower of Pisa and an optional bicycle ride on the mediaeval walls of Lucca.

On the seventh day you travel to Venice and take a motorlaunch to your hotel. In the afternoon you will visit the magnificent Venetian Synagogue and Jewish Museum.

The morning of the eighth day is spent on a walking tour of Venice, including the Doge's Palace, San Mark's Cathedral, the Grand Canal, the Bridge of Sighs and Rialto bridge. Spend the afternoon as you wish, or take an op-

Roman Forum - Rome.



The Il Duomo - Milan.



tional tour of the islands of Murano, Burano and Torcello.

After breakfast on the ninth day, you leave for Milan, stopping off at Verona to see the Ashkenazi Synagogue. Upon arrival in Milan, your guide will show you the synagogue.

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### It's time to join loved ones in celebration

*The end of a tough year is approaching. The financial tide appears to be finally turning and we have survived! It's time to join with our family, friends and co-workers in celebration.*

### Come and enjoy a kosher Zandwijk picnic

ONCE AGAIN Zandwijk will be inviting members of the Jewish community to experience the wonderful picnics at the farm which produces the famous range of Kleine Draken kosher wines and grape juice.

Nestled on the south-eastern slopes of Paarl Mountain, Zandwijk will have their picnic menu available from November 1 this year, until April 31 next year.

During this time Zandwijk will be open on a Sunday only if you booked your picnic baskets by the Thursday at 16:00 prior to the Sunday you would like to have a picnic at the estate.

Zandwijk suggest that picnickers bring their own games and balls for the children, as the extensive lawns make a very tempting playground and Zandwijk will therefore not be providing any other form of entertainment.

Picnic lunches will be ready on the farm from 11:00, on the day that you have booked your picnic for. Zandwijk offer a kiddie's hamper for children up

to 12 years old.

Please note that Zandwijk will be closing at 14:00 on December 24 and 31.

**Zandwijk will also be closed on the following days:**

December 4 (Friday)  
December 16 (Wednesday).  
December 20 (Sunday).  
December 25 - 27 (Friday - Sunday).  
January 1 - 3 2010 (Friday - Sunday).

**Picnic hours are as follow:**

Monday - Thursday: 11:00 - 16:00.  
Friday: 11:00 - 15:00.  
Sunday: 11:00 - 15:00 (Strictly by appointment on a Sunday).

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For a festive night out, contact Old Mutual Theatre on the Square, tel (011) 883-8606.

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#### PICNIC MENU

<b>KIDDIES PICNIC HAMPER:</b>	R 75,00 per head
• Filled bagel with cheese • Fried fish balls • Packet of chips or pretzels • Millionaire shortbread • Fresh fruit salad • Fruit juice	
<b>SUPERIOR PICNIC:</b>	R 130,00 per head
• Bagels • Caramelised onion spread • Pesto cream cheese spread • Spinach & feta quiche • Tuna salad • Smoked salmon trout • Fried fish strips & tartar sauce • Seasonal greens served with roasted peppers, feta, olives & pickled cucumbers • Cheese & crackers • Millionaire biscuit • Fresh fruit salad	
<b>CHEESE PLATTER:</b>	R 170,00 each
Cheese platter, konfyt & crackers for 6 guests – packed on fomo tray	
<b>SANDWICHES</b>	
Egg, Cheese & tomato or Humus & roasted veggies or tuna mayonnaise	R 17,00 each
Smoked salmon & cream cheese	R 24,00 each
<b>MUFFINS INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED</b>	R 14,00 each
<b>BAGELS</b>	
Egg, Cheese & tomato or Humus & roasted veggies or tuna mayonnaise	R 24,00 each
Smoked salmon & cream cheese	R 26,00 each
<b>INDIVIDUAL SINGLE PORTION SALADS</b>	R 30,00 each
• Greek • Three cheese • Nicoise – no anchovies	

Caterers - Norrie Caterers (Music to your mouth)

Open on Sundays only by appointment and bookings must be confirmed in advance by 16h00 on a Thursday.

All picnic baskets must be booked & paid 48 hours in advance.

For bookings: Tel: +27 (0)21 863 2368, Email: swarts@capegate.co.za, Website: www.kleinedraken.co.za

Trading Hours: Monday – Thursday (08h00 – 16h00); Friday (08h00 – 15h00) Sunday (11h00 – 15h00) by appointment only. Closed on Public Holidays & Jewish Holy days.

## OLD MUTUAL THEATRE ON THE SQUARE End-of-year parties & corporate functions

For a special year-end function combine dinner and a show at the Old Mutual Theatre on the Nelson Mandela Square, in Sandton.

#### "BEAUTY AND THE B.E.E."

October 27– November 21.

Satirical hit of 2008 originally directed by Janice Honeyman. The show is back to keep you in stitches... and you ANC nothing yet!

Choose one of the following restaurants in the package: Lekgotla, Montego Bay, Wangthai or Butchershop & Grill.



#### "A SPOOF FULL OF SUGAR"

November 24 – December 31

Original musical comedy directed by Malcolm Terrey with an all-star cast.

This satirical revue sharply spoofs the local and international entertainment industry and personalities.

A perfect antidote for the festive season.

#### TUESDAY NIGHT PROMOTIONS

Two for the price of one.

**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

Packages available throughout the year.



For a fabulous night out, contact: Old Mutual Theatre on the Square Tel: (011) 883-8606, website: www.theatreonthesquare.co.za

## YEAR-END TRAVEL AND CELEBRATIONS

# A journey of discovery in eclectic world that is Poetry

POETRY, THE unique women's lifestyle store, was founded by a small group of people just under a year ago, who share a real love for making things that inspire the imagination.

Since then the boutique-style chain which forms part of the Cape Union Mart Group, has grown to eight stores across the country and has won the Old Mutual Property Investments Retail Revolution Award for Best Store Design.

At Poetry products are carefully sourced, designed and selected from across the world, with an eye for the smallest details, a passion for old-world craftsmanship and a desire to see shopping elevated to an activity. Customers won't just find novelties, but rather experience a journey of personal discovery.

The Poetry store concept appeals to sophisticated women who seek unique, one-of-a-kind designs. In an age of mass-production, Poetry has become a destination for well-read and well-travelled women who long for clothes that aren't found on the shelves of stores everywhere.

"Despite the many large retailers offering merchandise for women, few offer unique merchandise. That's where Poetry has a distinct advantage by not offering garments that are mass-produced. Poetry has a refined exclusivity to it, which makes it very appealing," says Group Creative Director, Ken Lazarus.

Highlights for consumers at the Poetry stores include the unique and eclectic mix of everything from 100 per cent linen and silk pieces to hand-



A Poetry Store.

made soaps, biscuits and cushion covers with a focus on women's apparel and accessories.

The stores carry a range of jewellery, exclusive body products, once-off homeware items (photo frames, glasses, napkins, door knobs from India and more), as well as Wonki Ware from George.

"When you're in a Poetry store, you're as likely to find an Indian hand-beaded picture frame as you are a hand-painted floral scone based on a 1940s Italian original. In the cupboards you'll find glazed Japanese ceramics and a mix of old door knobs, hand-made soaps

and aged glass vases," says Lazarus.

The chandeliers and lights overhead illuminate the kilim rugs on the floor and they cast a sparkle on the beaded necklaces and jewellery. There's the scent of lavender in the air as you search in the drawers and explore the solid, deep wooden cupboards.

In the corner of the store, you discover an old suitcase filled with photo frames and as you go to have a closer look, your attention is caught by the stunning range of voile shirts and fine linen jerseys that are positioned on a table alongside.

Textures are soft and earthy and they juxtapose the natural and organic against mirrors, metal railings and brass fixtures in a way that make the extremes look almost normal together. Everything is old but everything is new. This is the world of Poetry.

Notebook 8x6 assorted.



Bite sized Panforte.

## A Journey of Discovery

Visit Poetry for an eclectic range of fashion, home and décor items



Log onto [www.poetrycollection.co.za](http://www.poetrycollection.co.za) and browse the wide selection of gifts, shop online or create a personal gift registry for any celebration.

### - Western Cape -

Cavendish Square

Canal Walk

Garden Route Mall

Tygervalley Shopping Centre



### - Gauteng -

Clearwater Mall

Hyde Park

Rosebank Mall

Menlyn Park

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## YEAR-END TRAVEL AND CELEBRATIONS

# Wouldn't you like to ride in my beautiful balloon?

SHEREE JACOBS

THE FIRST TIME man defied the laws of gravity in a hot air balloon, was in 1788. From this time on it has been one of the adventure activities on many people's must-do list.

This simple form of flight has not changed much in all this time. Air to Air fly three commercial balloons. The traditional wicker baskets can carry eight, 12 and 16 passengers.

These baskets are weight-related, depending on the cubic capacity of their envelopes and for this reason booking well in advance is essential.

Balloons require stable air conditions and for this reason flights take place at sunrise. Passengers meet for tea and coffee 30 minutes before take-off. Most of the flights take place from a private golf estate on the Crocodile River in the Kromdraai Conservancy, also known as the Cradle of Humankind, approximately 35km from Johannesburg.

As all the balloons are on trailers, these can be moved to a destination of your choice for larger groups.

You don't need to be physically fit to stand for an hour while you float along at tree-top height and you may get to pick a leaf from the top of a tree, or speak to passers-by who have stopped to take a picture of you as you drift along in relative silence. That is until the pilot burns to maintain heat in the envelope and keep the balloon in flight.

Tranquil and calming are the word that most describe the experience. Balloons move with



Happy landings are celebrated with champagne and orange juice.

the wind and therefore where you land no one knows. Not even the pilot can tell you prior to flight. Each flight is different and the ground crew's job is to find the balloon on landing.

As tradition dictates, the landing is celebrated with a glass of champagne and/or orange juice. You are then whisked away in the retrieval vehicle and taken for a well-deserved breakfast. Air to Air Africa will then present you with a certificate to remember the day you defied the law of gravity.

Flights take place daily throughout the year and is a wonderful gift to receive or a romantic way to celebrate that special event, be it a birthday, engagement and anniversary - for a corporate function or team-building experience or even to launch a new product. Air to Air Africa can place your company's banner around the balloons.

• For more information, visit our website [www.airtoairafrica.co.za](http://www.airtoairafrica.co.za) or you can e-mail us at [fly@airtoairafrica.co.za](mailto:fly@airtoairafrica.co.za) or call +27 804-602-3491.

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Metzuyan has everything you need for a festive function to say "Shokeyach and thank you" to all your clients and valued people in your business.

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The unique and versatile offering makes Metzuyan the perfect venue choice as

- You don't pay any venue hire fees at all.
- In-house LiquidChefs bar at no extra charge
- The menu will be tailor-made to suit your preference and budget.
- A full function co-ordination service is offered at no extra cost to alleviate the time burden and stress involved with planning your function.

For enquires and bookings, call Harry on (011) 880-4153 or Jodi on 083-777-8948.

## Air to Air Africa CC Hot Air Balloon Operator

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We offer you the oldest form of flight known to man. This is the ultimate air adventure, experience the fascination of free flight, with a panoramic view over the Cradle of Humankind 35km close to Lanseria Airport. As you float along at treetop height, you may catch sight of a variety of wildlife and interact with the people below. Tranquillity and calm, leisurely yet inspiring, are words frequently used by our guests.

We fly at sunrise every day of the week. Join us for tea or coffee, and watch the crew prepare the balloon for an hour flight on landing wherever that may be, champagne and/or orange juice is served while the crew pack away the balloon. A retrieval vehicle will return you to the venue for breakfast, where your pilot will award you with a commemorative certificate.

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## YEAR-END TRAVEL AND CELEBRATIONS

# Marco Polo - the upmarket entertainment and gaming Sandton venue

### October Line-up

AT THE MARCO POLO

#### CAPPUCCINO

Thur 8th, 10pm  
Sat 10th, 10pm  
Sat 17th, 10pm  
Sat 24th, 10pm  
Thur 29th, 10pm

#### LEGENDS

Tue 6th, 8pm  
Sat 10th, 6pm  
Sat 17th, 6pm  
Sat 24th, 6pm

#### SAX IN THE CITY

Fri 2nd, 10pm  
Sat 3rd, 8pm  
Fri 9th, 10pm  
Sat 10th, 8pm  
Sat 24th, 8pm

#### THE SUPREMES

Fri 9th, 8pm  
Wed 14th, TBA  
Thur 15th, 10pm  
Fri 16th, 10pm  
Fri 23rd, 10pm

#### CLUB AT THE END OF THE STREET

Mon 5th, 7pm  
Tue 6th, 7pm  
Wed 7th, 7pm  
Thur 8th, 8pm  
Fri 16th, 10pm  
Sat 17th, 8pm  
Thur 22, 8pm  
Fri 23rd, 10pm  
Thur 29th, 8pm

#### FABULOUS BAKER BOYS

Sat 10th, 4:30pm  
Mon 13th, 6:30pm  
Tue 14th, 6:30pm  
Thur 15th, 8pm  
Sat 17th, 4:30pm  
Mon 19th, 6:30pm  
Tue 20th, 6:30pm  
Wed 21st, 6:30pm  
Thur 22, 10pm  
Sat 24, 4:30pm  
Mon 26th, 6:30pm  
Tue 27th, 6:30pm  
Wed 28th, 6:30pm

WELCOME TO The Marco Polo, your first up-market gaming and entertainment venue right in the heart of Sandton, located in Legacy Corner in Nelson Mandela Square.

Fully licenced by the Gauteng Gambling Board, the Marco Polo brings with it an exciting and unique brand into the South African gaming market boasting 300 "state-of-the-art" interactive Electronic Bingo Terminals (EBTs) with the latest bingo technology. Bingo terminals are linked to a secure network and the bingo game itself is powered by an independent system, with the machines functioning as terminals for bingo play. Our terminals are available in denominations ranging from as little as 0,05c to R1.

Doors opened early September 2009 to the 2 500 square metre venue which spans over two levels. Upstairs you will find the Venetian Show Bar where daily live musical repertoires and musicians perform, while you enjoy a leisurely drink or coffee and a snack.

It's the perfect place to catch up with friends, enjoy a late night rendezvous or simply enjoy some time out on your own.



The opulent Crystal Room is our gaming area for avid players and if you descend the marble staircase, you will discover the intimate Piano Bar, fully equipped with a stage and a dance floor. This venue is available for private functions.

Non-stop entertainment is key to The Marco Polo, as we incorporate the very best local and international acts. Entertainment schedules change on a monthly basis and updates are available on our website or in the press.

The Marco Polo has a proactive membership drive in place, with many attractive benefits. Becoming a member is free and you will receive automatic updates on all our unique promotions.

The Marco Polo is also equipped with a fully licenced bar and kitchen, offering full catering capabilities and delicious snacks. Immaculately presented staff reside on premises at all times to ensure your indulgence. Catering is available for private functions. No person under the age of 18 years will be admitted, although we will have a small Marco Polo childcare facility available soon.

The Marco Polo complies with the new South African smoking legislation and we offer an excellent choice of smoking and non-smoking experiences. The smoking section in our Crystal Room and Piano Bar has its own highly effective smoke extraction facility.

With so much on offer, the Marco Polo invites you to make your escape from the Sandton bustle seven days a week, from 10:00 - 02:00. See you there!

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