JOBURG + PRETORIA · CHRISTMAS 2026

A Very Merry Joburg

Christmas markets, mall magic and lights made for little ones

Only events that cater for children: Santa, play areas, shows, crafts and lights.
Save it, share it, and tick off a little Christmas magic every weekend.

TheMothersBlock

Christmas markets

Confirmed 2026 dates. Every market has something for the kids.

20 TO 22 NOV

+ Add to calendar

Parkview Christmas Market

George Hay Park, Parkview

★ A Kids Zone all weekend, plus a family movie night in the park on Saturday.

Adults R60 · under-12s no charge · cards only

28 AND 29 NOV

+ Add to calendar

The Linden Market: Festive Edition

Franklin Roosevelt Park, Randburg

★ Kids' entertainment all day, plus a dog adoption pop-up.

08:30 to 16:30

29 NOV

+ Add to calendar

Black Horse Christmas Market

Magaliesburg

★ A kids' play area and an afternoon ice cream tasting.

Sunday 10:00 to 16:00

5 DEC

+ Add to calendar

Tin Road Christmas Market

Syringa Café, Bromhof

★ A jumping castle, face painting and a kiddies' play area.

No entry fee · 09:00 to 16:00

5 AND 6 DEC

+ Add to calendar

Vintage Christmas & Gift Market

Irene Village Mall, Centurion

★ A vintage carousel and toy stalls among 150+ stands.

No entry fee · 09:00 to 17:00

HOSTING A FESTIVE EVENT?

Get it On the Block

Put your market, show or holiday programme in front of Joburg moms.

themothersblock.co.za

Shows, Christmas Day + coming soon

Book ahead: these sell out close to Christmas

Christmas shows and Christmas Day

Confirmed 2026 dates.

28 OCT TO 24 DEC

Alice in Wonderland: The Panto

Joburg Theatre, Braamfontein

★ Janice Honeyman's 2026 panto, packed with audience participation.

Book via Joburg Theatre

10 NOV TO 20 DEC

How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

National Children's Theatre, Parktown

★ Whoville comes to life in a festive musical made for families.

From R180 · 10:30 and 14:30 · Quicket

23 DEC TO 10 JAN

The Ginger Who Lost His Christmas Spark

Pieter Toerien Theatre, Montecasino

★ A Christmas ballet with snow, hip-hop battles and a gingerbread hero.

R200 to R350 · Webtickets

25 DEC

Christmas Lunch at The Blades Hotel

Honeydew, Roodepoort

★ A festive buffet with music and a surprise gift for little ones.

Kids 2 to 12 R295 · adults R695 · Quicket

Annual favourites, dates coming soon

Back every year. Watch their pages for 2026 dates.

DATES SOON

The Field Market Christmas Edition

Parkmore, Sandton

★ Find the Elf, Santa's letter box and a visit from Father Christmas.

DATES SOON

Emperors Palace Christmas Village

Kempton Park

★ The North Pole, an enchanted forest and Santa himself.

DATES SOON

Jacaranda FM Carols by Candlelight

Pretoria

★ A family carols night with treats and surprises, for Santa's Shoebox.

MID-NOV

Carols by Candlelight, Melrose Arch

Melrose Arch

★ The Drakensberg Boys Choir opens Destination Christmas.

Mall magic + Christmas lights

Joburg and Pretoria

Mall magic

Based on last year's programmes. New themes are usually shared in November.

LAST YEAR

Fourways Mall
Santa Land

- Elf training houses, cookie decorating and a Santa photo.

LAST YEAR

Sandton City
City of Enchantment

- Creative play zones for kids in centre court.

LAST YEAR

Mall of Africa
Destination Christmas

- A Christmas mini-golf course and kids' rides.

LAST YEAR

Melrose Arch
Destination Christmas

- Twinkling lights, a roller rink and kids' activities.

LAST YEAR

Menlyn Park
Menlyn Sky Kids Zone

- Cookie decorating, ornament making and soft play.

LAST YEAR

Time Square
Menlyn Maine, Pretoria

- Festive lights, with a popcorn and slushy treat for under-12s.

Twinkling lights

26 NOV TO 3 JAN

Festival of Lights
Johannesburg Zoo

- Glowing life-size animal sculptures after dark.

Kids 3 to 12 R75 · Thu to Sun

EVERY DECEMBER

Jakaranda Liggiefees
Derdepark, Pretoria

- A kids' carnival, giant carousel and photos with Santa.

EVERY DECEMBER

Kersfeesliggies
Moreletapark, Pretoria

- Thousands of lights, kids' activities and an indoor market.

EVERY DECEMBER

Lawley Street
Waterkloof, Pretoria

- A whole street lit up like a holiday movie.

EVERY DECEMBER

Moray Drive
Bryanston

- A festive street with a letterbox for wishes to Santa.

Before you go

- Check dates with the organiser
- Book shows and Santa early
- Take a card for tap payments
- Go early for shorter queues

Sources: organiser websites and event guides, incl. What's On In Joburg, Joburg Theatre, IOL, Nicarela Charity, Time Out Johannesburg, In Your Pocket, Glamour SA, Discover Tshwane. Always confirm details before you go.