**ROOFTOP BARS**

**THE LIVING ROOM**

[**www.livingroomjozi.co.za**](http://www.livingroomjozi.co.za)

Who would have thought that you could find a forest on a rooftop in Maboneng? But that’s exactly what The Living Room is – it’s also one of Joburg’s most popular spots to watch the sunset while enjoying sundowners with friends. Great drinks include the ever-popular Minty Magic, French bubbly, a range of Fernskloof wines, plus spirits and craft beers. There’s also a menu filled with tempting delights. The place is packed on Sunday afternoons or whenever there’s live music.

**SAN DECK**

[**www.tsogosun.com/san-deck**](http://www.tsogosun.com/san-deck)

Sandtonistas love this spot, and not only for the cocktail named after them. The San Deck is the go-to spot for great views of the city and the couch seating makes it so comfy you’ll never want to leave. The cocktails and wine list is extensive, and includes specially designed options, the nibbles are delicious and the setting is literally the best in Sandton. Need we say more?

**SIR JAMES VAN DER MERWE**

**www.katyspalacebar.co.za**

Located at Katy’s Palace Bar in Kramerville, one of the city’s most popular event venues, this eclectic bar offers breathtaking panoramas of Joburg’s north-west. This is a gentleman’s bar and a nostalgic experience, a reminder of a bygone era. Your bubbly is served in an ice bowl, the food is a selection of bite-sized delights, there’s billiards just like in the old days and an eclectic range of cocktails. And did we mention the view?

**THE UNION BAR**

[**www.theunionbar.co.za**](http://www.theunionbar.co.za)

Ok, this time it’s not on the roof, but The Union Bar is here today and gone tomorrow, so don’t miss out on this popular pop-up, whether it’s on a rooftop or not. It’s currently located at 144 Jan Smuts Avenue in Parkwood, right next to Park Corner. Moving it around keeps everybody on their toes, the bar staff included, but wherever they land, one thing is certain: the cocktails are really good and the entertainment is on point. This is one instance when we’ll forget about the views.

**ELEVATE**

[**www.elevatevenue.co.za**](http://www.elevatevenue.co.za)

Located on the 16th floor of the Reef Hotel in Marshalltown on the rooftop, this hidden treasure in the inner city not only offers gobsmacking city views, but its sophisticated snack platters, mouth-watering high teas and great selection of drinks come a close second. There’s live entertainment, too. Well worth adding to your list. The best cocktail on the list is the Scorpio, so relentless that you never remember what it is made of.

**Facts and quotes:**

“One of the hottest and most highly coveted amenities in the hospitality industry is rooftop venues that offer food, drink, entertainment and spectacular views” – *New York Times*, October 2017

“People will pay a premium to be able to take a photo from a rooftop bar or restaurant with a phenomenal view”