

CULTURAL HOTSPOTS

Lesedi

Lesedi African Lodge and Cultural Village co-founded by the well-known African explorer, Kingsley Holgate, is just a 40-minute drive from Sandton, Johannesburg. It is well worth a morning or afternoon of your time. Even better would be to spend the night in one of the comfortable, hutted rooms – each decorated along the lines of an African tribe.

“Not yet another cultural experience,” I hear your groan. I can well understand that feeling, but assure you that this is an informative, fun, and delicious experience.

On arrival you are welcomed with song and a drink and then it is into the theatre for a 20-minute audio-visual presentation. After enjoying the movie it is time to visit each of the five homesteads - Zulu, Xhosa, Basotho, Ndebele and Pedi. Your guide will educate you on each of the cultures in a most entertaining fashion. From the seating area reserved for men only (women are too busy working to need to sit!) to the fact that women sat to the right of and behind the hut's doors so

the men could defend them in case of attack, it is enlightening. If you want to learn why long spears are for cowards and short spears for the brave, pop in to find out.

After the guided tour there is a chance to buy a drink or two to refresh and sustain you through the dance show. Once again the show is highly entertaining and informative - you will even get a whiff of the wild herbs burnt to welcome the ancestors.

Lunch or dinner is served in the Nyama Choma Restaurant and a great African feast it is. The food is scrumptious and eating here is a good way to try different African foods. From a more western roast beef, to deep-fried crocodile and ostrich stew it was all delicious. On your way out you will walk through a small African market and will have the opportunity to buy some reminders of your visit. W: www.lesedi.com
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