

## What is the best thing about Johannesburg?

Oh, I'm going to say the ordinary answer. Weather. Weather and people. The reality is it's a massively cosmopolitan society. So you have people who are willing to have you in their homes. You have winters that are warm during the day, freezing at nights. But then the outdoor lifestyle that comes with the weather is just incredible. And for us, coming back from London after seven years, it's been amazing. It's not just one thing.

I think it is the people... who are super warm and friendly. I think for me it was very easy to meet people, people invite you to their house and it's a genuine invitation for a braai and to meet other people. So to get a new sort of social circle was quite easy for me. The weather, of course, you know, I think Joburg has the best climate maybe of anywhere in the world. It doesn't get too hot. I mean, it gets a bit cold in the winter, but it's not too bad. And...yeah the country, it's just a beautiful country.

The people, the lifestyle, and everything it offers is wonderful. The schools are good, the communities are friendly... it's a very happy place to be.

There are multiple things about Joburg which are amazing. The first and the foremost thing is the weather because Joburg offers amazing weather not just in the summer but also the winters because I think the clear blue skies are just like fabulous. So I love Joburg for its weather and the second thing is for its people. So I think people are amazing, extremely friendly and you really have a blast with South Africans.

The weather is utterly glorious. I'd just say it's vaguely chaotic, but amid that chaos you can get things done. People are prepared to muck in. There's not a lot of stuff that is very formal. A lot of it is ad hoc, off the cuff. You can have a lot of fun. You can be creative. You can try new things. You can try, you can fail, you can try again. And Joburg is a city that offers opportunity. Where else in the world can you go watch rugby in the sun? Football in the sun, cricket in the sun, on one weekend throughout the year. It's wonderful.

The weather, in comparison to Scotland, of course, is much better. The people, I find the people here very hospitable. You meet someone once, they'll invite you to a braai. Lovely. Yeah, I mean, the weather. The weather. The lifestyle that I have here is a million times better than I could ever even imagine in Scotland.

It's the diversity. Bishop Tutu referred to South Africa as the rainbow nation and I say Johannesburg is a fruit salad. Because you get to taste the diversity and you get to see the diversity as well. And I think about with Johannesburg, you know, people, black, white, coloured, Indian, whatever, that live in Johannesburg, you know, the energy is on the high, they love the nature, they love outdoors. Most of all, they love people. You know, I say, if you're in Joburg, and you don't love people, then maybe like, you're not in the right place. But yeah, Joburg, you know, I think its diversity just makes it so amazing. You can party with rich people in Sandton, you know, go to Maboneng, you know, party with the middle class, go to Soweto, party with the poorest of the poor, but like, still have so much fun. That's what I really love about Joburg.

Everyone said the weather, right? Yeah. Okay, other than the weather, I think the people, has everyone said the people? Yeah. But you know why? Because everyone's kind of hustling

here. Like there's a real creative energy, I think. And across the board, across races and economic brackets, people are really, really welcoming. And I think it's one of the first places that I've ever been where people say they meet you at drinks or they meet you somewhere and say, I'll get you over to my house for a braai or for dinner. And then I couldn't believe it where people would actually get your number and call and say, so can you come next Saturday? And I think that's just been amazing. And apparently that doesn't happen in Cape Town, so I think we're quite lucky. Do you know what else? Also, the places you can get to outside of Joburg really quickly on a weekend. Like we went last weekend to the Midlands, to near Winterton, to Kwa Zulu Natal, and it was like three and a half hours after work on a Thursday. And suddenly we were rafting down rivers and going for runs with giraffe and zebra walking around and no one else was around, like no one. We had the whole place to ourselves. And that is just magic. Huge thunderstorms, sitting out, braaiing, barbecuing under these huge, huge starlit skies and big full moons, swimming in the river. Absolute magic.