

Six reasons to visit the Gauteng Sansui Summer Cup

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1. The grand and historic Turffontein Racecourse

Did you know that Turffontein Racecourse is almost as old as Johannesburg itself? The course was founded in 1887, just a year after the gold mining camp that was to become Joburg sprung up. The racecourse still boasts its elegant original buildings, in red brick with white fascias, matching red tiled roofs and long verandas. With its immaculately landscaped gardens and prime views of the iconic Egoli skyline, it is a real Joburg gem, just ten minutes from the city centre.

2. A horse race with serious history

Like the racecourse itself, The Summer Cup has a rich and fascinating history. It was first run in 1887, and the list of past winners reads like a who's who of racing. It includes Pamphlet (1917), Lenin (1940), Cuff Link (1963), Caradoc (1966), Home Guard (1970) and, of course, Java and Elevation, who both pulled remarkable hat tricks in the famous race. Lenin won the event three years running from 1956 and Elevation repeated his feat from 1972-74.



3. Grand finale of horse racing year

As the last major horse race on the 2017 calendar, the Gauteng SANSUI Summer Cup is the climax of a thrilling line-up of prestigious events. Taking place on 25 November, just before we all head off for our summer holidays, the race offers the ideal way to celebrate the end of the year, while experiencing the up-close excitement of live horse racing. To book your year-end party, contact info@sansuisummercup.co.za.

4. Local talent

A wow factor for this year's Gauteng SANSUI Summer Cup is the entertainment. A highlight is the field band of over one hundred disadvantaged youths, who are broadening their chances of building better futures through music and movement. Entertainment will wind around the race course throughout the day, building towards the grand performance before the main race, which will be headlined by no other than Mi Casa. From roving fashion shows to carnival-style buskers, local bands and one-man musical wonders, the Turffontein Racecourse will be transformed into a stunning display of fresh South African talent.



5. Family Fun

One of the few horse races in the country that children can enjoy, the Gauteng SANSUI Summer Cup offers a fun and secure environment for kids. The 2017 edition comes complete with a world-class carnival, boasting everything from a large-scale ferris wheel to interactive games and wild and wacky performers. Kids can admire the beautiful horses in the parade ring and on the track, as well as experience mechanical rides, have their faces painted, interact with buskers and enjoy myriad delicious food offerings. This is an epic day out for the whole family.

6. Endless hospitality offerings

For the first time ever, Gauteng's largest day at the races will be powered by the people. Our carefully selected 'social pioneers' will be selling their own race and enjoying it in the way they see fit, which, for the public, means there will be more hospitality options than ever before. From a Bollywood tent, to the beautifully curated Summer Garden, there is something for everyone at the 2017 Gauteng SANSUI Summer Cup – The People's Race.



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