

DESTINATION *Christmas*

November, 2022

Dear Tenant,

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FESTIVE FUN

Melrose Arch is renowned for its Christmas lights and once again, we are getting ready to dazzle Gauteng with a spectacular display. The lights will be switched on on Thursday, 24 November. November and December will also see a number of other festive season activities taking place, including performances by the Drakensberg Boys Choir and Jeppe Pipe Band, children's entertainment and a Christmas market.

Here's what you can expect at Melrose Arch this festive season:

SOCCER WORLD CUP SCREENINGS

20 November – 18 December

The soccer World Cup 2022 takes place in Qatar from 20 November to 18 December. Select games during the evening will be screened on the LED screens on the Square and Piazza. Please keep an eye on Melrose Arch's social media pages for more details of matches to be screened.

BLACK FRIDAY

Friday, 25 November

Black Friday is on 25 November. Originally a US tradition, it has become extremely popular in South Africa and traditionally marks the start of the Christmas shopping season. We urge Melrose Arch tenants to take advantage of this much-anticipated shopping day and offer worthwhile discounts. Send your Black Friday promotions to me at lucianap@melrosearch.co.za for advertising on Melrose Arch's social media pages.

There will be free parking at Melrose Arch from 09h00 to 21h00.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

24 November – 8 January

The Christmas lights will be turned on at 19h00 on Thursday, 24 November in High Street. Invite your family and friends to join us as MD Mike Vermaak flicks the switch and officially marks the start of the festive season at Melrose Arch.

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TRADING HOURS

Extended trading hours will apply from Thursday, 1 December to Friday, 23 December. The trading hours will be as follows:

Monday – Saturday: **09h00 – 19h00**

Sunday and public holidays: **09h00 – 18h00**

Christmas Day: **Optional trade**

New Year's Day: **Optional trade**

Tenants are welcome to trade later should they wish.

DRAKENSBERG BOYS CHOIR

Saturday, 26 November

The renowned Drakensberg Boys Choir will be performing Christmas carols on the Piazza at 18h30.

Non-refundable tickets cost R100 per person and are available through Computicket; limited seating available. All proceeds will be donated to SA Harvest.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

1 - 3 December

There will be a Christmas market from Thursday, 1 December to Saturday, 3 December on the Square.

Christmas decor and gifts, special handcrafted items, delicious food and sweet treats, jewellery, ladies' and kids' clothing, toys, homeware, accessories and more will be available at the market.

Thursday and Friday, 1 - 2 December: **16h00 – 21h00**

Saturday, 3 December: **14h00 – 21h00**

KIDS' GLOW BIKES

2 December – 8 January

Children's electric scooters will be on the Piazza from Friday, 2 December to Sunday, 8 January, from 18h00 to 22h00 every night. The cost is R50 per ride.

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KIDS' CHARACTERS

2 - 18 December

Elves, a snowman and Santa Claus will be walking around the precinct, posing for photographs and adding to the festive atmosphere. There will also be a face painter (R20 per child). Every Thursday to Sunday from 18h30 to 20h30.

CHRISTMAS SCENE

2 - 18 December

A Christmas scene will be set up in the Clicks court in the upper-level Galleria, providing a great photo opportunity.

JEPPE PIPE BAND

Friday, 9 December

The Jeppe Pipe Band will return to Melrose Arch on Friday, 9 December at 18h30 to add to the festive spirit in the precinct. Proceeds will be donated to CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation South Africa).

MELROSE ARCH MARKET

9 - 11 December

The Melrose Arch Market, which is held in the retail Galleria every week, will be hosting a special three-day market from 9 - 11 December, selling delicious food and sweet treats, arts and crafts, jewellery, clothing, organic veggies, homeware and more.

EATS AND TREATS

2 December - 1 January

Visitors to Melrose Arch will be able to enjoy snacks, drinks and sweet treats as they stroll through the Christmas lights. From 2 December to 1 January, from 18h00 to 22h00, people will be able to buy mini hotdogs, boerewors rolls, candyfloss, popcorn, sweets, cool drinks and ice cream from stalls at the top of High Street.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS STRIKE

Striking of the lights will begin on Monday, 9 January and will take approximately three weeks, until 30 January.

It's going to be a very merry Christmas at Melrose Arch indeed!

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at (011) 684 4035 or 082 511 8326 or email lucianap@melrosearch.co.za.

Kind regards,

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