



From A to Bree

Hip, artsy and entrepreneurial, Bree Street is home to many of Cape Town's trendiest eateries, galleries and watering holes

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URBAN: BREE STREET



SHOP

CULTURE CLUB CHEESE

I guess it was written in the stars that someone would have to open a cheese shop on 'Brie' Street. With a mind-boggling array of local and international cheeses, as well as bread, coffee, charcuterie and a Fermentation Bar, Culture Club Cheese places huge value on the finer things in life. Take away or eat in.
 215 Bree Street
 021 422 3515
cultureclubcheese.co.za



FOR THE HIPSTERS

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SHAKER BAR SCHOOL

If you were inspired by your experience at the Orphanage, why not take things to the next level by signing up for one of the courses at Shaker? While it's essentially a vocational school, anyone can sign up for the one-day Cocktail Masterclass. If you already know the basics, the Molecular Mixology Course may be more your thing, and there are coffee and whisky courses, too.
 235 Bree Street
 021 422 1574
shaker.co.za

YOUNGBLOOD AFRICA

This non-profit arts and culture development platform serves as a launch pad for talented artists from all genres. The three-storey gallery space is breathing new life into the inner city with its regular recitals, exhibitions, workshops and dance lessons.
 70-72 Bree Street
 021 424 0074
youngblood-africa.com

THE GENERAL STORE

Colette Robert's tiny hole-in-the-wall deli specialises in innovative fresh salads and the best chocolate brownies in the history of forever. Also on offer are sandwiches, quiches, arancini balls and a choice between two types of coffee only: black and white. If you're feeling brave, ask Colette why it's called The General Store.
 22 Bree Street
 021 418 2305
the-generalstore.co.za

EAT



JASONS

Jason Lilley and Henry, his fifteen-year-old sourdough yeast starter, are the true pioneers of the real bread movement in SA. There's always a crowd on the curb, waiting their turn for wickedly delicious treats such as chocolate chip cookies stuffed with home-made marshmallow; deep-fried doughsants with bacon, peanut butter and banana; and crayfish-and-mac-and-cheese pies.
 185 Bree Street
 021 424 5644
jasonbakery.com



DRINK

CHEFS WAREHOUSE & CANTEN

It's hard to decide whether this culinary Mecca is a shop or a restaurant, but either way, it's fan-flipping-tastic. Pop in to stock up on high-end cooking equipment and ingredients, and stay on for a mouth-watering smorgasbord of tapas in the award-winning Canteen. Be prepared to wait your turn, though, as tables are given on a first-come first-served basis.
 92 Bree Street
 021 422 0128
chefswarehouse.co.za

ORPHANAGE COCKTAIL EMPORIUM

Forget everything you thought you knew about bars and drinking, and prepare yourself

for an education. This mind-blowing 'bar and laboratory' is the brainchild of the people behind Shaker Bar School and its 'alchemists' pride themselves on their innovative potions. The Orphanage is where all the coolest kids hang out.
 227 Bree Street
 021 244 1995
theorphanage.co.za

MOTHER'S RUIN GIN BAR

With more than 100 gins from local and international producers, this hipster hive is at the heart of Cape Town's gin revolution. You could order a G&T or push the boat out and go for a Peppermint Gale, which contains gin, cacao, lemon, pepper, sugar and soda.
 219 Bree Street
 082 681 6601
facebook.com/mothersruinapt

Sexy Food

Sexy Food is not just a restaurant, it's a way of life. Born out of one young man's battle to fight cancer 'the natural way' it serves up myriad 'fermented formulae to effortless digestion'. First-time visitors are usually startled by the array of sprouts, krauts, kimchis and kombuchas, but the friendly, non-judgemental staff make sure that everyone feels instantly welcome.
 190 Bree Street
 021 422 5445
sexyfood.co.za



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