

Hills of Africa

LUXURY TRAVEL EXPERIENCES



Traveler's Guide to
SOUTH AFRICA

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SOUTH AFRICA

As one of Africa's most sought-after destinations, South Africa is one of the continent's most diverse countries.

Diverse geography and cultures aren't the only elements drawing visitors to this spectacular country. South Africa is also known for its boutique hotels, luxurious lodges, and charming camps.

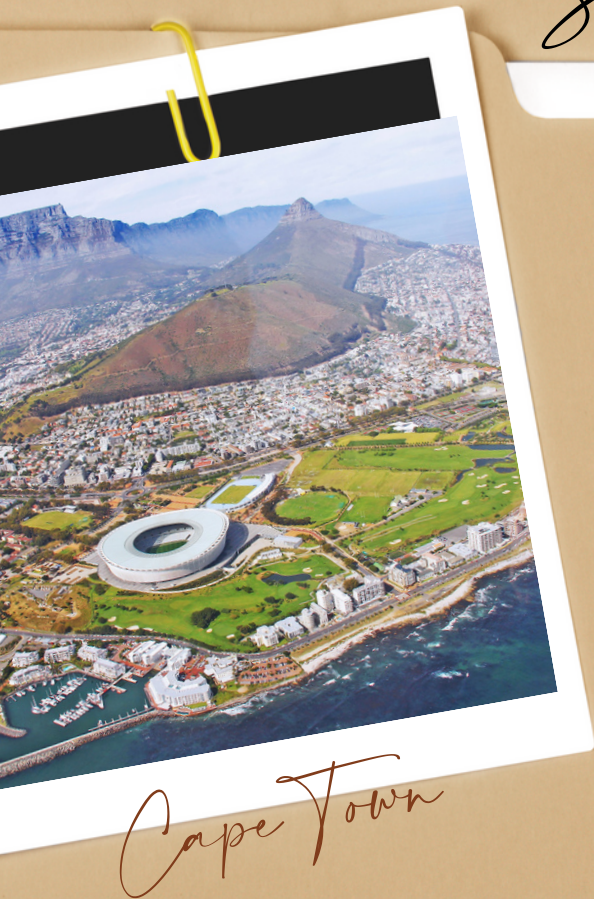
If you love to explore new cultures, interact with locals, soak in new surroundings, try exciting cuisines, and visit celebrated heritage sites, you need to experience what South Africa has to offer.

GEOGRAPHY



QUICK FACTS

South Africa



Cape Town

Top destinations: Cape Town, Kruger National Park, Johannesburg, Madikwe/Marataba/Welgevonden (malaria-free safari)

When to go: Year-round! High season in Cape Town is November through April. High season for game viewing is June through October.

Known for: Wine and culture, Whales, Kruger National Park, African Penguins, Big 5, History

Who should visit: Foodies, Culture lovers, First-timers, Families, Animal lovers

Best combined with: Zimbabwe for Victoria Falls and Botswana for the Okavango Delta (water-based safari)

TOP ACTIVITIES

For Foodies



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1. Sample the best food Cape town has to offer during the Cape Town Eats Walking Tour
2. Test your cooking skills in a Cape Malay cooking class
3. Tingle your tastebuds with a variety of Coffee shops
4. Visit World Class Restaurants

TOP ACTIVITIES

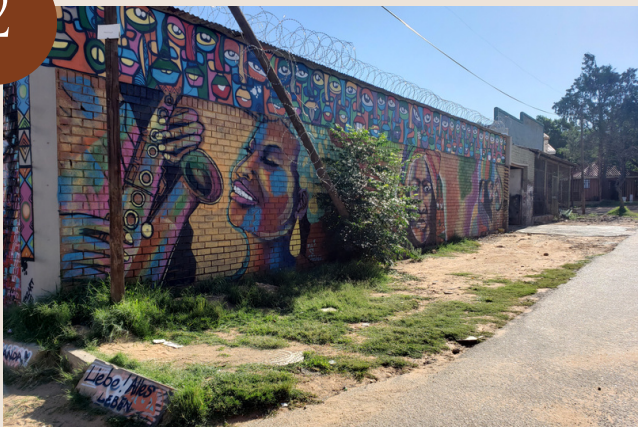
For Cultural Explorers

1. Visit a broad range of innovative and inspiring community projects on the Uthando Philanthropic Tour
2. Explore the culture, life, and history of the Soweto Township on a tuk tuk tour
3. Visit local schools and other parts of the community while on safari



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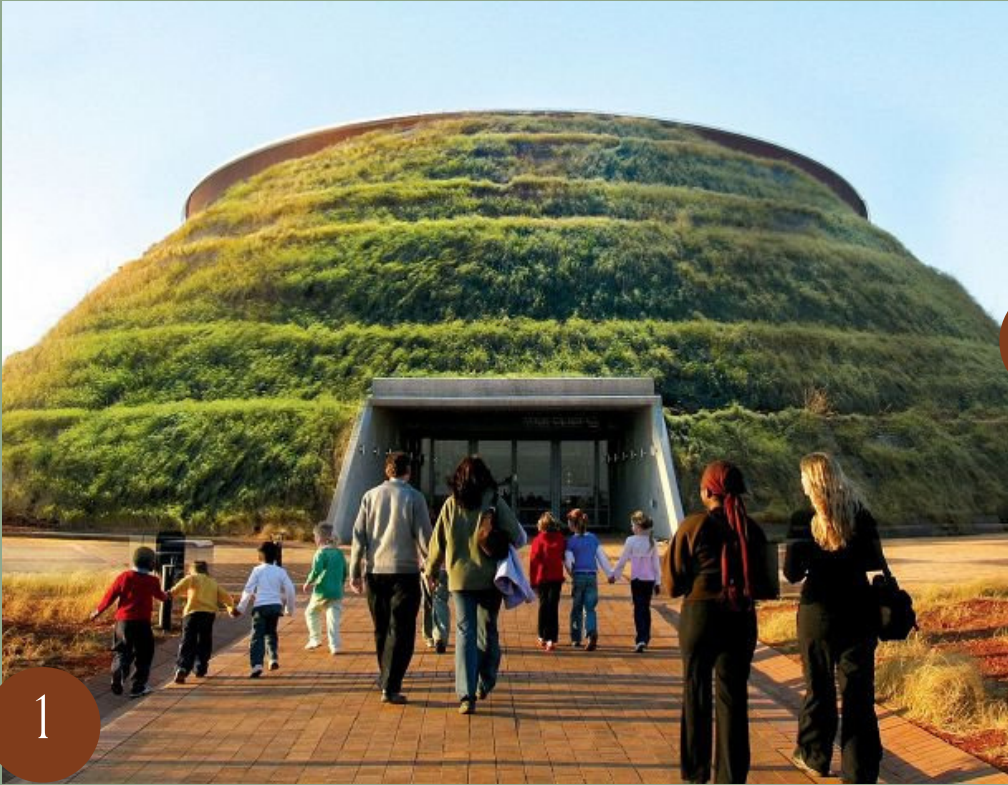
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TOP ACTIVITIES

For History Buffs



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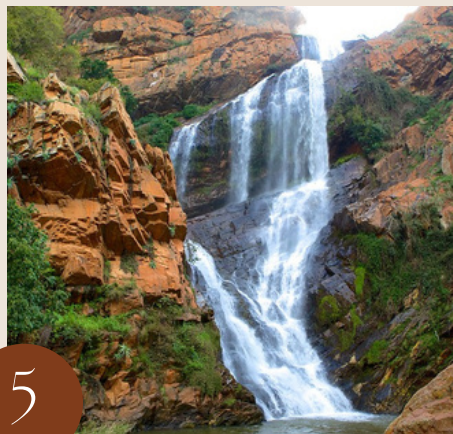
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1. Take a day trip to visit the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site
2. Experience history at the impactful Apartheid Museum
3. Tour Robben Island and learn about the history of the island, see where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned
4. Explore the history collection at District Six Museum
5. View the rich and multicultural history in the Bo-Kaap Neighborhood

TOP ACTIVITIES

Nature Lovers

1. Travel through the aromatic Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
2. Take in the amazing views of Fynbos and the Cape Floral Kingdom
3. View the lakes and lagoons along the scenic stretch of the south-eastern coast on the Garden Route
4. Watch for whales at False Bay
5. Escape the hustle and bustle at Walter Sisulu National Botanical Gardens

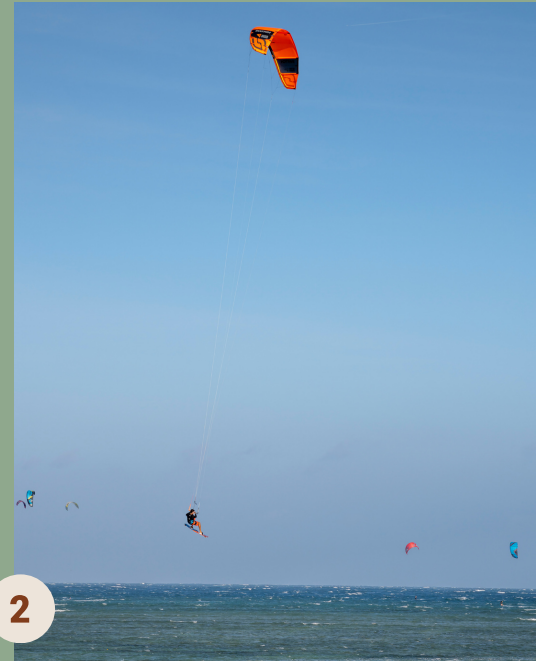


TOP ACTIVITIES

For Outdoor Enthusiasts



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1. Embark on a horseback wine tasting tour in Cape Winelands
2. Kite surf along the shore
3. Take in the scenic views on a cycling excursion
4. Explore Table Mountain on a challenging hike or ascend the slopes in a rotating cable car
5. Scuba dive or snorkel with sharks or Cape Fur seals
6. Paddleboard with the renowned African penguins at Boulders Beach
7. Get up close and personal with a Great White Shark during a cage dive

Of course, Safari

SCENES FROM SAFARI



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: CAPE TOWN



About the area:

Cape Town is a modern, cosmopolitan city surrounded by nature. Centered around Table Mountain, the Mother City is known for its beautiful beaches, stunning biodiversity, award-winning food and wine, and sheer variety of experiences on offer.

Where to stay:

Kensington Place
Mount Nelson Belmond
The Silo
Ellerman House
Cape Grace
One & Only
Cape Gadogan Boutique Hotel
Four Rosmead



FAVORITE:
THE SILO



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: CAPE TOWN



KENSINGTON PLACE



BELMOND MOUNT NELSON



ELLERMAN HOUSE



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: CAPE TOWN



CAPE GRACE



ONE & ONLY



CAPE CADOGAN BOUTIQUE HOTEL



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: CAPE TOWN



FOUR ROSMEAD BOUTIQUE HOTEL



WINCHESTER BOUTIQUE HOTEL



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: HERMANUS



BIRKENHEAD HOUSE



GROOTBOS



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: STELLENBOSCH



About the area:

The beautiful little town of Stellenbosch is in South Africa's Western Cape province. It's surrounded by the vineyards of the Cape Winelands and the mountainous nature reserves of Jonkershoek and Simonsberg lying in one of the most picturesque settings.

Where to stay:

Delaire Graff Lodges and Spa
Lanzerac Hotel and Spa
River Manor

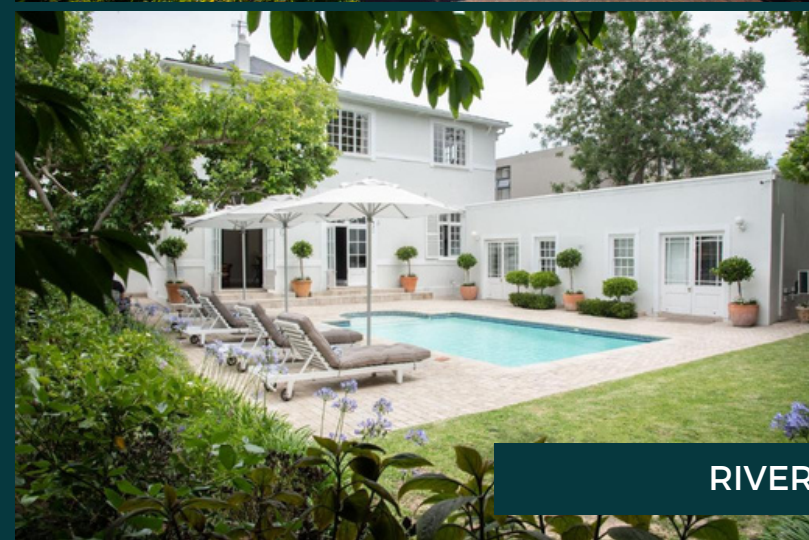
TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: STELLENBOSCH



DELAIRE GRAFF LODGES AND SPA



LANZERAC HOTEL AND SPA



RIVER MANOR



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: FRANSCHHOEK



About the area:

Franschhoek is located in South Africa's Western Cape. It lies in one of the most beautiful wine valleys in the world, just 45 minutes' from Cape Town and within half an hour of the Stellenbosch, Paarl, Wellington and Somerset West wine routes. This traditionally French town is the food and wine capital of the country.

Where to stay:

La Cotte Farm
La Residence
Le Quartier Francais
Manor House
Mount Rochelle Hotel and Vineyard
Leeu Estates
Leeu House
Chapter House

TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: FRANSCHHOEK



LA COTTE FARM



LA RESIDENCE



LE QUARTIER FRANCAIS



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: FRANSCHHOEK



MANOR HOUSE



MOUNT ROCHELLE HOTEL AND
VINEYARD



LEEU ESTATES



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: FRANSCHHOEK



LEEU HOUSE



CHAPTER HOUSE



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: JOHANNESBURG



About the area:

South Africa's biggest city, Johannesburg has become an internationally renowned and vibrant metropolis. It is a major global business hub, full of history and culture, amazing food, art galleries, active night life, sporting events, and more.

Where to stay:

Saxon Hotel Villas and Spa
The Peech Hotel
The Residence
Athol Place Villa



FAVORITE: THE PEECH HOTEL



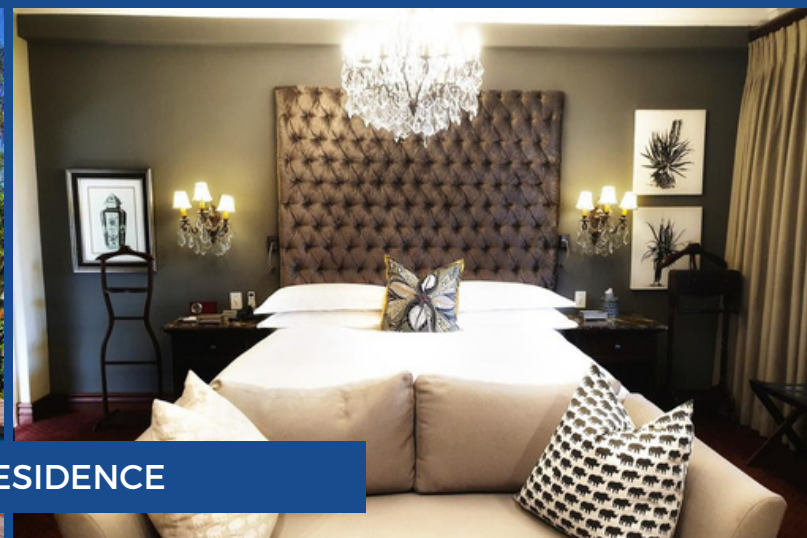
TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: JOHANNESBURG



SAXON HOTEL VILLAS AND SPA



THE RESIDENCE



ATHOL PLACE VILLA



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: PHINDA



About the area:

Phinda Private Game Reserve, is a private game reserve situated in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, between the Mkuze Game Reserve and the Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park. Showcasing one of the continent's finest game viewing experiences, &BEYOND Phinda is home to Africa's Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino), as well as 436 bird species. The reserve is particularly well known for close-up sightings of the elegant yet elusive cheetah, as well as the rare black rhino.

Where to stay:

Phinda Vlei
Phinda Forest Lodge
Phinda Homestead
Phinda Mountain Lodge



FAVORITE: PHINDA VLEI



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: PHINDA



PHINDA FOREST LODGE



PHINDA HOMESTEAD



PHINDA MOUNTAIN LODGE



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: SABI SAND



About the area:

Sabi Sand Game Reserve is located adjacent to the Kruger National Park in the Lowveld of Mpumalanga, South Africa.

Home to a host of animals, including the Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino), the Sabi Sand is part of a conservation area that covers almost five million acres.

Where to stay:

Tengile River Lodge
Cheetah Plains Private Game
Inyati Game Lodge
Lion Sands River Lodge
Londolozi
Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge
Sabi Sabi Little Bush
Sabi Sabi Earth
Singita Boulders Lodge
Singita Ebony Lodge



FAVORITE: LONDOLOZI



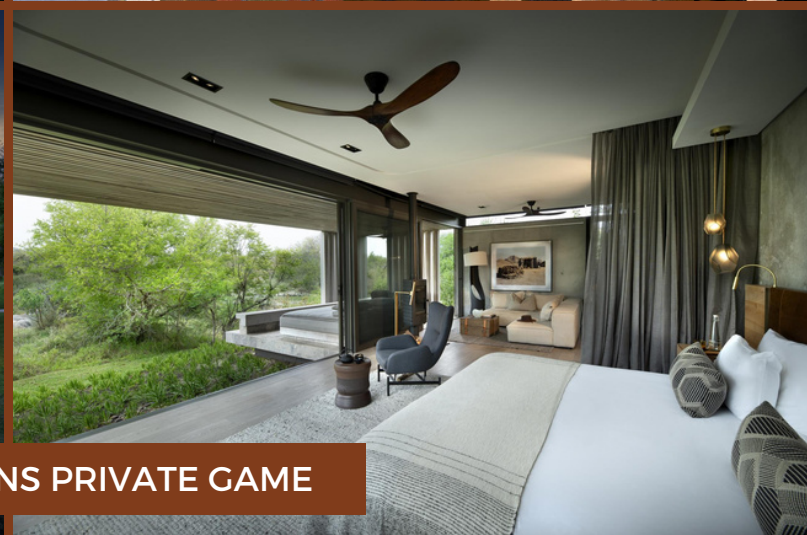
TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: SABI SAND



TENGILE RIVER LODGE



CHEETAH PLAINS PRIVATE GAME



INYATI GAME LODGE



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: SABI SAND



LION SANDS RIVER LODGE



LION SANDS IVORY LODGE



LION SANDS NARINA LODGE



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: SABI SAND



LION SANDS TINGA LODGE



SABI SABI BUSH LODGE



SABI SABI LITTLE BUSH



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: SABI SAND



SABI SABI EARTH



SINGITA BOULDERS LODGE



SINGITA EBONY LODGE



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK



Featuring additional properties to stay within Kruger National Park, that are placed in other reserves or private areas.

Where to stay:

MalaMala

Tintswalo

Ngala Tented Camp

Rockfig Safari Lodge

Tanda Tula

Simbavati

Saseka

Royal Malewane

Thornybush Game Lodge

TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK



MALAMALA



TINTSWALO



NGALA TENTED



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK



ROCKFIG SAFARI LODGE



TANDA TULA



SIMBAVATI



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK



SASEKA TENTED CAMP



ROYAL MALEWANE



THORNYBUSH GAME LODGE



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: MADIKWE



Situated on the border with Botswana close to the Kalahari Desert, Madikwe Game Reserve is the fifth-largest game reserve in South Africa. As one of the lesser-known reserves, this hidden gem is regarded as one of the best conservation areas in Africa and offers visitors a Big 5 safari experience

Where to stay:

Jamala Madikwe

Morukuru

Madikwe Safari Lodge

TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: MADIKWE



JAMALA MADIKWE



MORUKURU



MADIKWE SAFARI LODGE



TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: MARATABA



Marataba, 52,000-acre, privately managed section of the Marakele National Park, is uniquely situated where lush bushveld gives way to the Kalahari sands, in South Africa's Limpopo Province. As a contractual National Park, Marataba is one of South Africa's most innovative conservation models.

Where to stay:

Marataba Safari Lodge
Marataba Mountain Lodge

TOP ACCOMMODATIONS: MARATABA



MARATABA SAFARI LODGE



MARATABA MOUNTAIN LODGE





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