



**2022 EXPERIENCES**





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Travel2Africa invites you on a journey of adventure through South Africa, to discover local cultures and traditions, savour diverse cuisines, and enjoy our magnificent birds and wildlife while gazing at landscapes that tell a million stories. Unlike most operators or travel agencies, we work with fewer travellers allowing for greater flexibility and a tailored experience.

**Embark on the  
journey of a lifetime**

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**Our first-hand knowledge from more than two decades of living and operating on the ground in Africa is priceless. If you're a first timer, once you've travelled to Africa you'll understand just how valuable this is.**

# INTRODUCTION

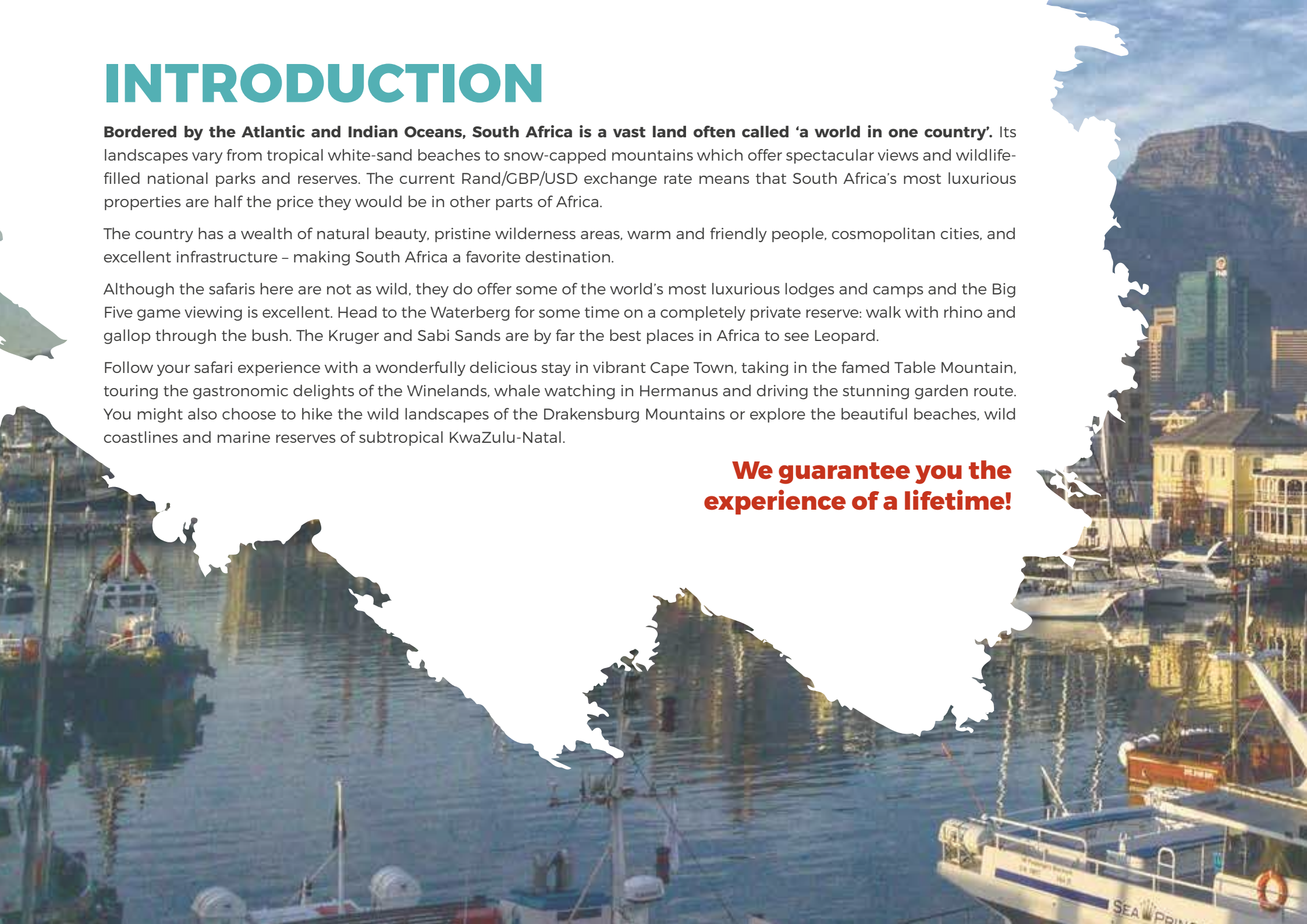
**Bordered by the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, South Africa is a vast land often called 'a world in one country'.** Its landscapes vary from tropical white-sand beaches to snow-capped mountains which offer spectacular views and wildlife-filled national parks and reserves. The current Rand/GBP/USD exchange rate means that South Africa's most luxurious properties are half the price they would be in other parts of Africa.

The country has a wealth of natural beauty, pristine wilderness areas, warm and friendly people, cosmopolitan cities, and excellent infrastructure - making South Africa a favorite destination.

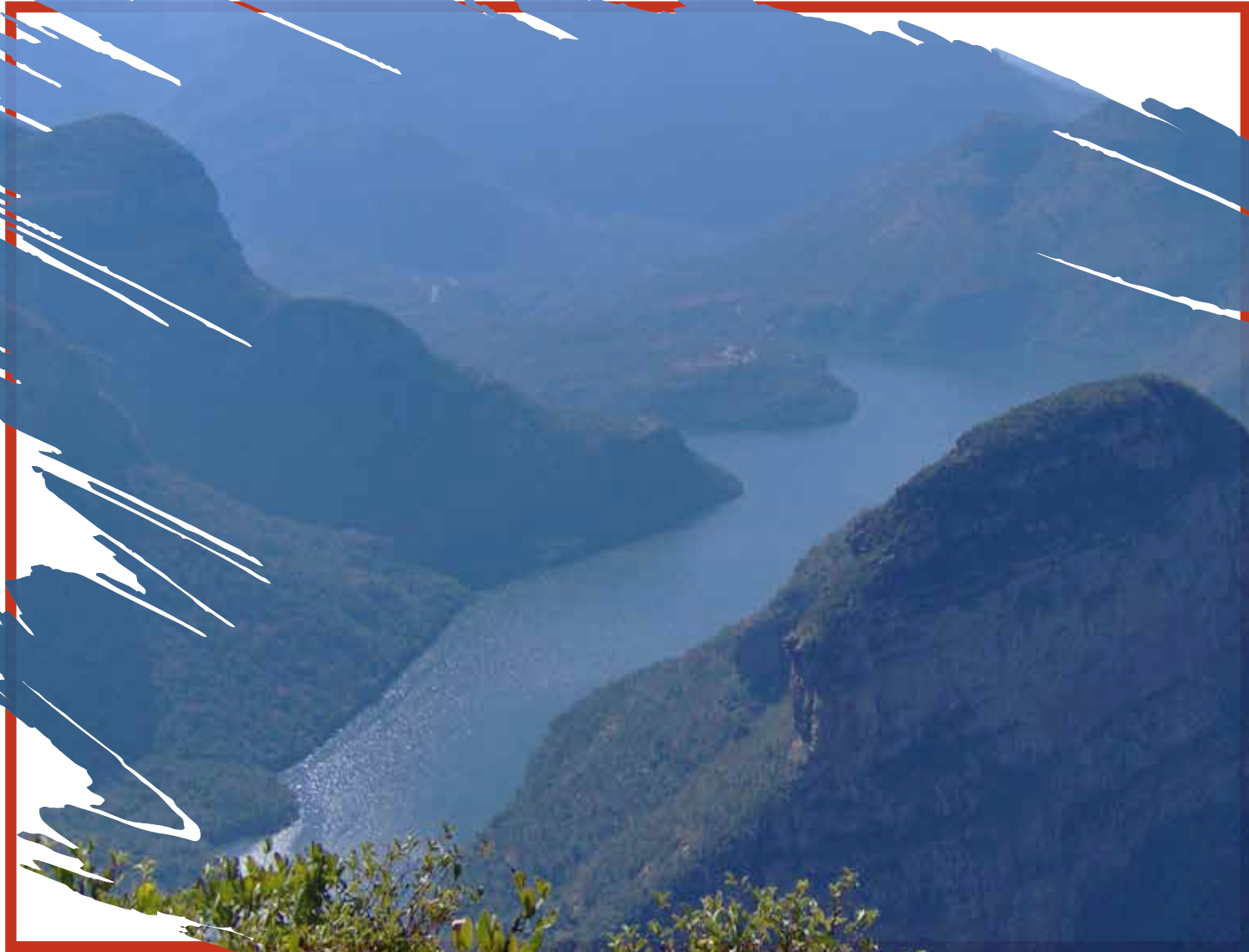
Although the safaris here are not as wild, they do offer some of the world's most luxurious lodges and camps and the Big Five game viewing is excellent. Head to the Waterberg for some time on a completely private reserve: walk with rhino and gallop through the bush. The Kruger and Sabi Sands are by far the best places in Africa to see Leopard.

Follow your safari experience with a wonderfully delicious stay in vibrant Cape Town, taking in the famed Table Mountain, touring the gastronomic delights of the Winelands, whale watching in Hermanus and driving the stunning garden route. You might also choose to hike the wild landscapes of the Drakensburg Mountains or explore the beautiful beaches, wild coastlines and marine reserves of subtropical KwaZulu-Natal.

**We guarantee you the experience of a lifetime!**







# WHY TRAVEL WITH US?

We are endlessly delighted to introduce people to Africa. **We customize your itinerary according to your taste, budget, interest, and imagination for a once in a lifetime adventure.** most of our itineraries allow you to choose the type of hotel, guest house or lodge you prefer. We then use our experience and impartiality to craft a holiday that suits you perfectly. To do this well, we will discuss your holiday requirements with you or your Travel Agent to help us fully understand your preferences. You will have the flexibility to do what pleases you knowing all the options at your disposal.

## COMPETITIVE PRICING

We offer competitive rates suitable for your budget. With 4-star treatment, you will stay at some of Southern Africa's most beautiful accommodation.

## EFFICIENT PERSONAL SERVICE

Our personal touch makes all the difference. We get to know our clients and build relationships with families and groups. Each and every one of our clients has a devoted travel professional they can call on any time, any day, and expect a response almost immediately.

## OUR GUIDES

At all times, you will be accompanied by your private guide and personal chief giving you a sense of security and exclusivity. You will also be accompanied by one of our native team members who will be able to converse with you in English and share their way of living, immersing you in their culture, and sharing their thoughts about everything related to Africa its current state of affairs. We offer private tailor-made safaris guided by some of Africa's best pro guides. These guides give you another level of knowledge, fun and enjoyment when on safari, as well as allowing you access to some of the best areas.

## FAMILY-RUN BUSINESS

We are a family-run business based in South Africa and Lesotho. Passionate with a high level of expertise, we have travelled many countries and have extensive experience engaging with the locals. We believe this is the only way to truly enjoy an adventure and fully appreciate the land you are experiencing.

**We accommodate small groups of 4 - 12 travellers ensuring an unforgettable and personalized African experience. Our prices start from \$US 4,500 all inclusive. T & C's apply.**

# THE DRAKENSBURG



The Drakensberg Mountain Range includes the highest mountains in Southern Africa. The name means Dragon Mountains in Afrikaans and is called uKhahlamba in Zulu which means "barrier of spears".

Large parts of the Drakensberg were declared a world heritage site in 2000 due to its ecological and cultural diversity. The range stretches over 300km (186 miles) along the edge of KwaZulu-Natal and completely encompasses the kingdom of Lesotho.

## HIKING

The Drakensberg offers some of the most incredible hiking trails in South Africa and is home to beautiful areas such as the **Tugela Falls**, without a doubt one of the best hikes on offer. The 4-hour hike will transport you to the top of the highest waterfall in South Africa, surrounding you with Lord-of-the-Rings-esque landscapes. The **Tugela Gorge Hike** is located inside the Royal Natal Park (we highly recommend camping here), a 14km round trek following the mighty Tugela River. Along the way you'll pass valleys, steep gorges, crystal clear rock pools, and dramatic views. **Cathedral Peak** has spectacular views once you reach the top. Hire a guide and tackle the ascent: it's not a technical hike, but the final section to the summit is a treacherous scramble. You'll want to pack some rope in case you need it to get up safely. There are many other hiking trails adapted to every level of difficulty.

## SANI PASS

The Sani Pass is a curving dirt road that takes drivers up and over the Southern Drakensberg mountains into the picturesque small country of Lesotho known as the **kingdom in the sky**. Take a 4x4 adventure up to the **highest pub in Africa**. The views from this altitude are nothing short of awe-inspiring, with snow and **frozen waterfalls in winter**,



**and a blaze of flowers** in summer. A 4x4 is recommended, especially in winter with ice and snow on the pass, or in the wet summer months. Its also recommended to have chains. If you prefer, park at the border and walk up. The walk is 8km each way and will take 2-3 hours up and about 2 hours down. Its also a tough but exhilarating bike ride.

### **AMPHITHEATRE**

The Amphitheatre is a dramatic cliff face measuring more than 5 kms (3.1 miles) in length with cliffs more than 1.2 kms (4 000 feet) high. The Amphitheatre, a crescent shaped massif of sheer basalt cliffs, forms the spectacular backdrop to the **northern Drakensberg's Royal Natal National Park**, so named after the 1947 visit of Britain's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. It is considered the most famous geographic feature of the Northern Drakensberg. Hiking trails are the one of the popular activities to explore this spectacular area. **The Drakensberg Amphitheatre hike (also known as Sentinel Peak of Tugela Falls hike)** climbs tricky gullies and nerve-wracking chain ladders to the **second-highest falls in the world**.

### **HORSE RIDING**

Taking in the Drakensberg scenery and surrounds on horseback is a wonderful

way to **explore the beautiful countryside and experience this region**. A trip to the Drakensberg or Natal Midlands without sitting on a horse is somehow a wasted opportunity. Numerous hotels and farm getaways offer outrides. **Horse riding tours into Lesotho are a favourite** and so are full day or hourly rides for all levels of ability. Experience the Berg on sure-footed Basotho horses. We also cater for pony rides for the kids

### **ROYAL NATAL PARK**

The Royal Natal National Park is, not surprisingly, a favourite amongst hikers. But its dam is also irresistible to anglers with a passion for trout fishing, as are the **Thukela and Mahai rivers**. These refreshing waters are a must for weary hikers wanting a cool dip. There are various natural areas that showcase the **many different wildlife and plant species that make South Africa so special**. With trails carved through forests, along cliff tops and across rivers in this serene pocket of nature, **hiking is easily the main attraction**. While the most spectacular walks are also the most challenging, there are hiking trails to suit all abilities. With numerous hiking trails navigating the lush forests and many a babbling brook carved through the park, this is not a place to come and relax. Though an afternoon spent idly in the shadow of the cliffs would not be a wasted one.

### **SAN ROCK ART**

The indigenous San communities of southern Africa were originally hunting and gathering communities. One of the greatest testaments to San history is the rock art found throughout the subcontinent. The Maloti-Drakensberg Mountain massif of South Africa and Lesotho rock paintings were made from **about 3,000 years ago right into the 1800s**. **Some 20 000 individual rock paintings have been recorded at 500 different cave and overhang sites** between Royal Natal National Park and Bushman's Neck. Didima Gorge near Cathedral Peak has the highest known concentration of rock art on Earth. Hundreds of shelters, large and small, contain thousands and thousands of painted images. Anthropologist Harold Pager documented every one in his epic publication, Ndedema. The **Main Caves** is a large sandstone cave containing prehistoric San rock art. This cave is one of the **biggest and best-preserved painted sites** in southern Africa. This cave is an easy 30-minute walk from the camp office and regular guided tours are taken through this unique exhibition from 09h00 to 15h00 daily for a small fee.





# JOHANNESBURG & SOWETO

Johannesburg, South Africa's biggest city and capital of Gauteng province, began as a 19th-century gold-mining settlement. Its sprawling Soweto township was once home to Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu. Take in the glorious diversity of the people of South Africa - the country known as the "rainbow nation," a term first used by Desmond Tutu and later by Nelson Mandela in a post-apartheid South Africa that yearned for prosperity and peace.

## LESEDI CULTURAL VILLAGE

From the Zulu people to those of Xhosa origin, to the Afrikaners, the English and the Coloured people of the Cape, South Africa has a rich diversity of people and cultures and 11 official languages. In the Lesedi (a Sesotho word meaning 'light') Cultural Village, our visitors get to **experience the origins of our country's colourful nation** and receive a guided tour of Zulu, Basotho, Xhosa and Pedi homesteads. After a multi-visual presentation, visitors are invited to gather around a fire to share in some **'mamba juice', a unique Lesedi drink**, before the storytelling, singing and dancing begin. To further enjoy the African experience, the Nyama Choma restaurant offers a pan-African buffet in true African style.

## LION PARK

The Lion & Safari Park, a 600-hectare wilderness reserve, is situated in the beautiful Magaliesberg mountain range and also within the **Cradle of Humankind, a world UNESCO heritage site**. The carnivores of the Lion & Safari Park include leopard, cheetah, caracal, wild dog, spotted hyena, black-backed jackal and over 80 lions. During game drives visitors can explore trails along the banks of the Crocodile River, as well as the forests and valleys of the game park. The park allows visitors to **get up-close and personal** with some of the animals to hand feed the giraffe or play with the baby lions.

## .APARTHEID MUSEUM

The Apartheid Museum details the injustice, cruelty, and absurdities of white minority rule in South Africa. The museum **tells the story of the triumph of the human spirit** over adversity. The museum is dedicated to helping South Africa overcome its oppressive past and look toward the future. In 1948, apartheid, meaning “separation” in Afrikaans, was officially in effect. A period most South Africans will never forget. In 1994 apartheid was banished. The exhibits are formed from film footages, photographs, text panels and artifacts illustrating the events and human stories that are part of the epic saga known as apartheid. For anyone wanting to **understand and experience what South Africa was really like**, a visit to the Apartheid Museum is fundamental.

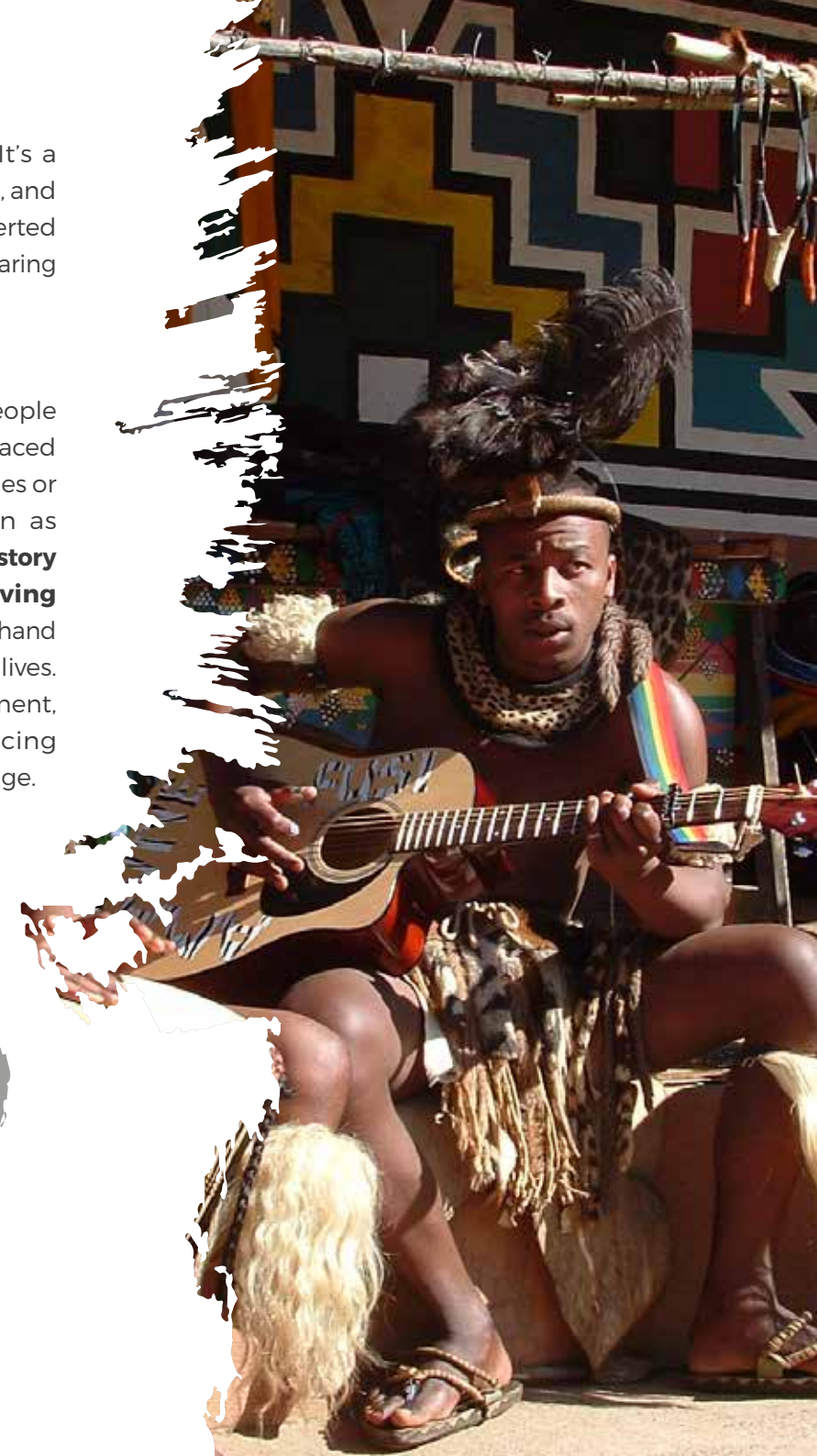
## SOWETO

Soweto, an urban settlement or 'Township', is situated southwest of Johannesburg. The township was created in the 1930s when the white government started separating blacks from whites. Soweto, an area with **rich cultural diversity**, is a popular tourist destination with sites such as Kliptown (where the Freedom Charter was drawn up), the **home of former President Nelson Mandela**, home of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Hector Petersen Memorial site, restaurants and shopping malls. The Orlando Towers are iconic to Soweto, South

Africa's oldest and largest township. It's a developing hub of adventure and culture, and years ago the derelict towers were converted into colourful vertical adventure hubs for daring sports and exhilarating activities.

## TOWNSHIP

During the apartheid years non-white people were evicted from their homes and displaced to suburban areas without basic amenities or infrastructure. These became known as townships or 'locations'. **Townships have history and heritage, family legacies and loving communities.** Experience a township first-hand intermingling with people in their daily lives. Your tour will include cultural entertainment, traditional music and gumbboot dancing performed by children from an orphanage.







# CAPE TOWN AND THE WINELANDS

Cape Town is a port city on South Africa's southwest coast, on a peninsula beneath the imposing Table Mountain. Slowly rotating cable cars climb to the mountain's flat top, from which there are sweeping views of the city, the busy harbor and boats heading for Robben Island, the notorious prison that once held Nelson Mandela, which is now a living museum.

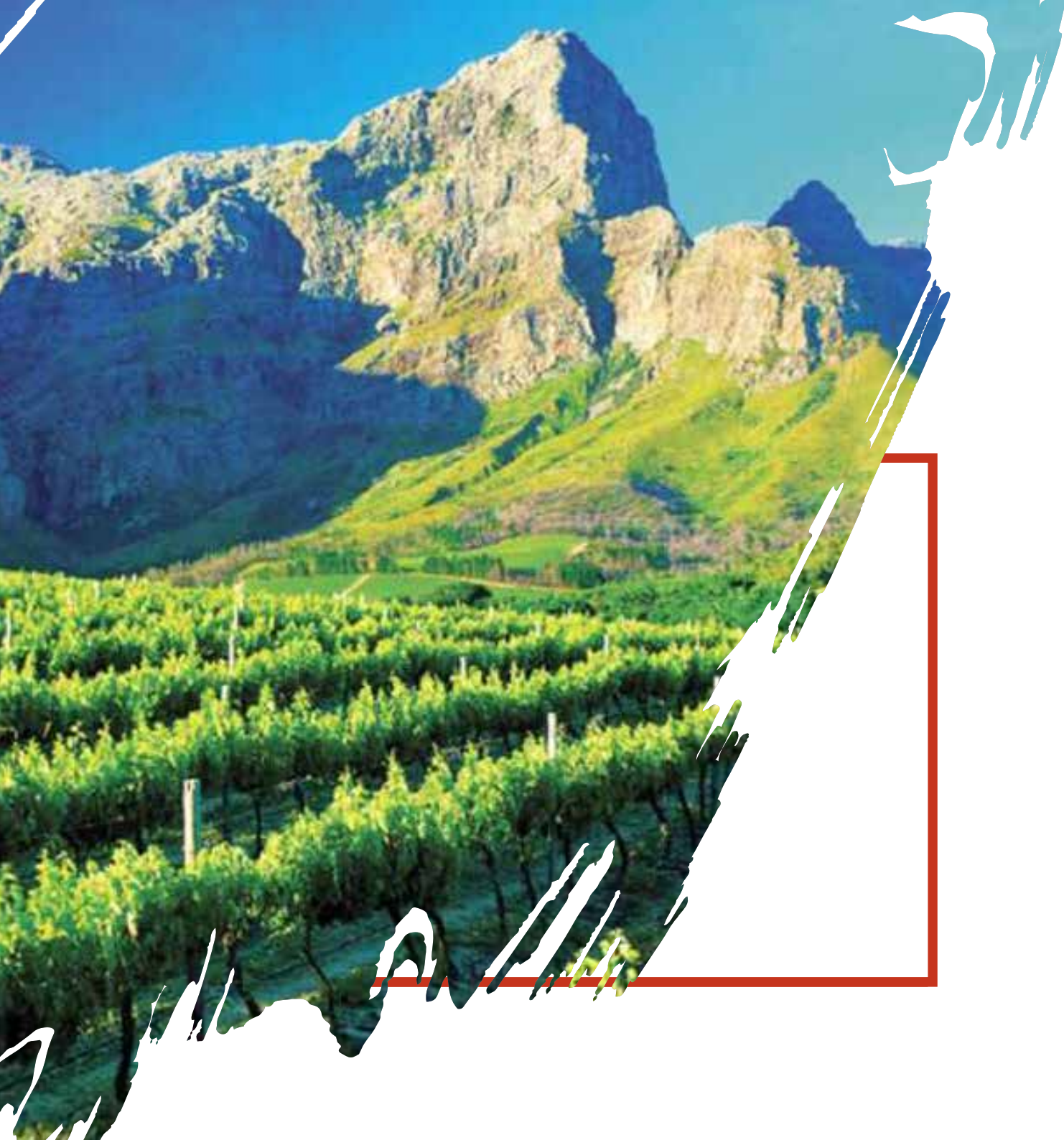
The Cape Winelands is a beautiful region, known for its exceptional award-winning wines, fascinating history, picturesque settings and exquisite foods. Rolling vineyards and historical Cape Dutch houses are set against a mountainous backdrop, with excellent wine never far away.

## CAPE POINT

Cape Point is a spectacular area just 60km outside of Cape Town. With beautiful scenery boasting gigantic stone cliffs, breathtaking bays, 50-shades-of-turquoise-style beaches, widespread fynbos, rolling green hills and valleys, it's definitely worth adding to your Cape Town bucket list. There are **1100 indigenous plant species** whose roots burrow deep into the soil, a broad assortment of animal life that ranges from the nearly extinct bontebok to the deadly Cape cobra, and one phantom ship that reportedly haunts the boiling waters below. Falling within the Good Hope section of Table Mountain National Park, the Cape Point Nature Reserve is **7750 hectares of wild coves, shimmering tidal pools, fynbos-covered valleys and diverse flora and fauna**. Cape Point is a wonderful day-trip destination for hikers, history buffs and birders alike.

## TABLE MOUNTAIN

The most iconic South African landmark, Table Mountain is also the country's most photographed attraction. Its famous cable car has ferried a whopping 24 million visitors since it first opened in 1929 to its distinctive flat top (which when covered by mist resembles a table covered with a table cloth). Cape Town locals are pretty fond of the mountain that looms over their city and with good reason! Table Mountain, which is home to the richest, yet smallest floral kingdom on earth, was voted one of the **New Seven Wonders of the World in 2011**. Table Mountain makes up the northern end of the Cape Fold mountain range. The mountain is flanked by Devil's Peak and Lion's Head and the magnificent **Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens** are found at its the eastern foot. Founded in 1913,



the gardens span an area of 1300 acres and include a unique conservatory with plants from different parts of the world.

### **THE WATERFRONT**

The Victoria & Alfred Waterfront has become South Africa's most visited destination. Situated between Robben Island and Table Mountain in the heart of Cape Town's working harbour it is set against a backdrop of magnificent sea and mountain views. **Exciting shopping and entertainment venues** are intermingled with imaginative office locations along with world-class hotels and luxury apartments in the residential marina. **Seal-watching** is an amusing diversion. Visitors to the Two Oceans Aquarium will enjoy a fascinating underwater world. The Maritime Museum focuses on the history of shipping from ancient times to the present day.

### **CAPE TOWN CITY TOUR**

Explore Cape Town at your own pace with a full-day **hop-on hop-off bus** pass. The popular double-decker red bus is known for being one of the easiest and most enjoyable ways of getting to Table Mountain and Cape Town's other top attractions. The family-friendly City Sightseeing bus offers audio information about the journey in 15 languages, and even boasts an audio channel especially for children. The city bus tour stops at the following attractions:

Table Mountain, Camps Bay, Cape Town Square & Long Street, Bo-Kaap district, Clock Tower & V&A Waterfront, Sea Point and Greenpoint.

### ROBBEN ISLAND

Robben Island is one of South Africa's most visited sites, accessed by ferry from the Victoria & Albert Waterfront. The journey across Table Bay takes approximately 40 minutes. For approximately 400 years, Robben Island - 12 kilometres from Cape Town - was **a place of exile, isolation and imprisonment**. It was here that past leaders of the country sent those regarded as political troublemakers, social outcasts and the unwanted of society. Robben Island prison was **home to Nelson Mandela where he spent 18 of his 27 years**, along with over 3,000 political prisoners during their fight to end Apartheid.

### CHAPMAN'S PEAK

Chapman's Peak Drive is one of the most spectacular marine drives in the world. It is situated between Noordhoek and Hout Bay on the Atlantic Coast of the south-western tip of South Africa. If you are passionate about the majestic Cape Town scenery, Chapman's Peak Drive is a must see. The **picturesque twists and curves are a photographer's dream**. Its popularity is due to the incredible scenery on offer, viewed from a road which has been literally cleaved out of the almost vertical cliff

faces on the Cape Peninsula's western side. The 10 km long pass connects Hout Bay in the north with Noordhoek in the south and was converted into a toll road in 2003 to cover the high costs of maintaining the road to a safe standard.

### SIMON'S TOWN

Simon's Town is known for its attractive beaches, rich history, and the colony of African penguins that call it home. This picturesque coastal village is the **gateway to the Marine Big 5 of False Bay** with a treasured maritime heritage and presents the perfect location for a romantic seaside getaway. It is one of South Africa's oldest towns: for more than 350 years Simon's Town has been the headquarters of first the Dutch, then the British, and now the South African navy. If you are passionate about long walks along the beach look no further, Simon's Town offers spectacular sea views and the chance to **spot calving whales between June and November**.

### STELLENBOSCH

The scenic Stellenbosch Wine Route is the oldest in the country and one of the most popular destinations for local and international visitors alike. It is here where you will find **world-class cuisine, mouth-watering wines**, friendly people and impeccable service. Stellenbosch is surrounded by beautiful mountains and

vineyards which offer magnificent views throughout the year. In the tourist hub of Stellenbosch - Andringa and Dorp Streets - you will find **great restaurants, wine bars, curio shops, coffee shops and art galleries** that are all open until late at night.

### FRANSCHHOEK

Franschhoek Valley is the **food and wine capital of the Winelands**, where splendid wines are grown and top chefs create international cuisine. This picturesque gem is situated in a rich and fertile valley between glorious towering mountains, right in the beautiful heart of the Cape Winelands. The remarkable vineyards cover the mountain slopes settled more than 300 years ago by the French Huguenots, who brought with them their age-old French wine and food culture. This is a valley rich in history cantered around a scenic village of friendly, welcoming people.





# THE GARDEN ROUTE

The 200 km stretch of coast connecting Mossel Bay to the Storms River Mouth is commonly referred to as the Garden Route in reference to its beguiling diversity of wide sandy beaches, lovely lakes and lagoons, shady evergreen forests and protea-studded slopes.

## **ROBBERG NATURE RESERVE, PLETTENBERG BAY**

Robberg Nature Reserve is a **world heritage site and national monument**, submerged in history, with prehistoric rocks and stone age artefacts. It is one of the most popular and traversed peninsulas in the world and a hiker's paradise with a variety of trails and other things to do. The island adjacent to the peninsula is filled with lizards soaking up the sun and below, the waves

crash against the rocks propelling rainbows of water spray into the air. The nature reserve has **many water birds, whales and dolphins (in season), and seals** lying on the beach and dipping in the crashing surf. Their awe-inspiring predator, the **great white shark**, also lurks in the waters here.

## **BIRDS OF EDEN, MONKEYLAND**

Birds of Eden is the world's largest dome shelter, 2 hectares of indigenous

forest, where birds representing more than 280 species from around the world, fly free. Monkeyland is a nature reserve that has rescued more than 11 species of **previously captive primates and rehabilitated them in a natural forested habitat**. Monkey safaris take visitors to see lemurs, languors, squirrel monkeys, and a host of other charismatic primates along a 128-meter canopy walk and viewing deck. Multilingual guided tours are also available.





### CANGO CAVES

The Cango Cave, a cultural and natural landmark in South Africa, are situated 29 kilometres north of Oudtshoorn, at the foot of the Great Swartberg. The **20-million-year-old cave system** consists of a series of hidden chambers cut deep into a thick limestone rock layer. In earlier centuries, these caves **were occupied by Bushmen, who left rock drawings**, little of which can now be distinguished

### KNYSNA & SURROUNDS

The charming town of Knysna offers accommodation around golden beaches, peaceful lakes and **a paradise of lush indigenous forests**. Knysna showcases the natural loveliness of South Africa and is situated on the banks of a **breathtakingly pretty lagoon, now a protected marine reserve** that is home to the extraordinary Knysna seahorse and over 200 species of fish. The main street of Knysna, lined with

small boutiques and shops, is actually a part of the N2 highway, which passes directly through the center of the town en route to the Eastern Cape and beyond. A trip to Garden Route is not complete without a visit to the **famous Knysna Waterfront**, perhaps one of the most popular leisure and shopping destinations in the region, boasting a superior marina, a base for luxury yachts and Knysna's gateway for cruises and luxury charters voyaging into the

pristine lagoon. **Brenton-on Sea** is a small seaside village just outside the lively town of Knysna, on the Garden Route. Brenton-on-Sea is described as a charming seaside village with fynbos-covered dunes and a beach that will take your breath away. **Buffalo Bay Beach** is also known as Buffelsbaai and visitors will find it in the Goukamma Nature Reserve just a few kilometers drive from Knysna. The area is unique offering magnificent white sandy beaches

and dunes, continuous blue waves as well as coastal fynbos, which in itself is spectacular and flanked by a coastal forest.

### **HERMANUS**

Hermanus is a South African seaside town, **popular for whale-watching**, breath-taking scenery, incomparably picturesque beauty, modern infrastructure, upmarket shops and endless adventure options. Hermanus is surrounded by nature and stretches along a narrow ribbon of land between towering mountains and a spectacular shoreline. We encourage

our visitors to visit the Old Harbour Museum, which has rich fishing history with an impressively massive exhibit of a whale skeleton. Hermanus is also popular for guided wine tasting tours with dozens of area vineyards. Located 40km south of Hermanus is Gansbaai, the **best location for spotting whales, seals, sharks, dolphins, and penguins**, all in a single trip.

### **CAPE AGHULAS**

Only 2.5 hours from Cape Town, this rocky headland is the place **where two great oceans, the Indian and Atlantic meet**. The Cape Agulhas Lighthouse, as well as the precinct that surrounds and supports it, has, for some time, remained somewhat untouched and unexplored. Having lunch at one of the beach restaurants, eating fresh seafood with your feet in the sand is a must do.





## DOLPHIN COAST

The Dolphin Coast boasts a gorgeous stretch of several golden beaches with the warm waters of the Indian Ocean. It stretches from the Tongaat River at Zimbali to Zinkwazi Beach and the Tugela River mouth in the north, including the inland areas of Umhlali and Shakaskraal. The Golden Mile, in Durban north, is one of most popular tourist attractions in Durban, and as such, is certainly worth exploring. There is a paved walkway along the beaches, which is ideal for walking and cycling, and there are traditional Zulu arts and craft stalls, where fabulous gifts and keepsakes can be found. Find the **Umhlanga Lagoon Nature Trail on the edge of the Umhlanga Lagoon Nature Reserve**. At just over 1 mile (1.6 kilometers), this trail should take you around an hour to complete at a casual pace while enjoying nature. The trail crosses the Ohlanga River and spans coastal areas, a **dune forest and wetlands**. As you walk through the forest, you will discover green monkeys and deer as well as a wide variety of bird species including the crested guineafowl. Umdloti is a small resort town on the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast. It is situated at the mouth of the Mdloti River north of Durban and is the ideal place to unwind and enjoy the sunshine, beaches, rock pools and sea. There are a number of activities to enjoy. The inshore reefs provide plentiful excitement for anglers, (surf, rock and ski boat) and for divers and water sport enthusiasts.

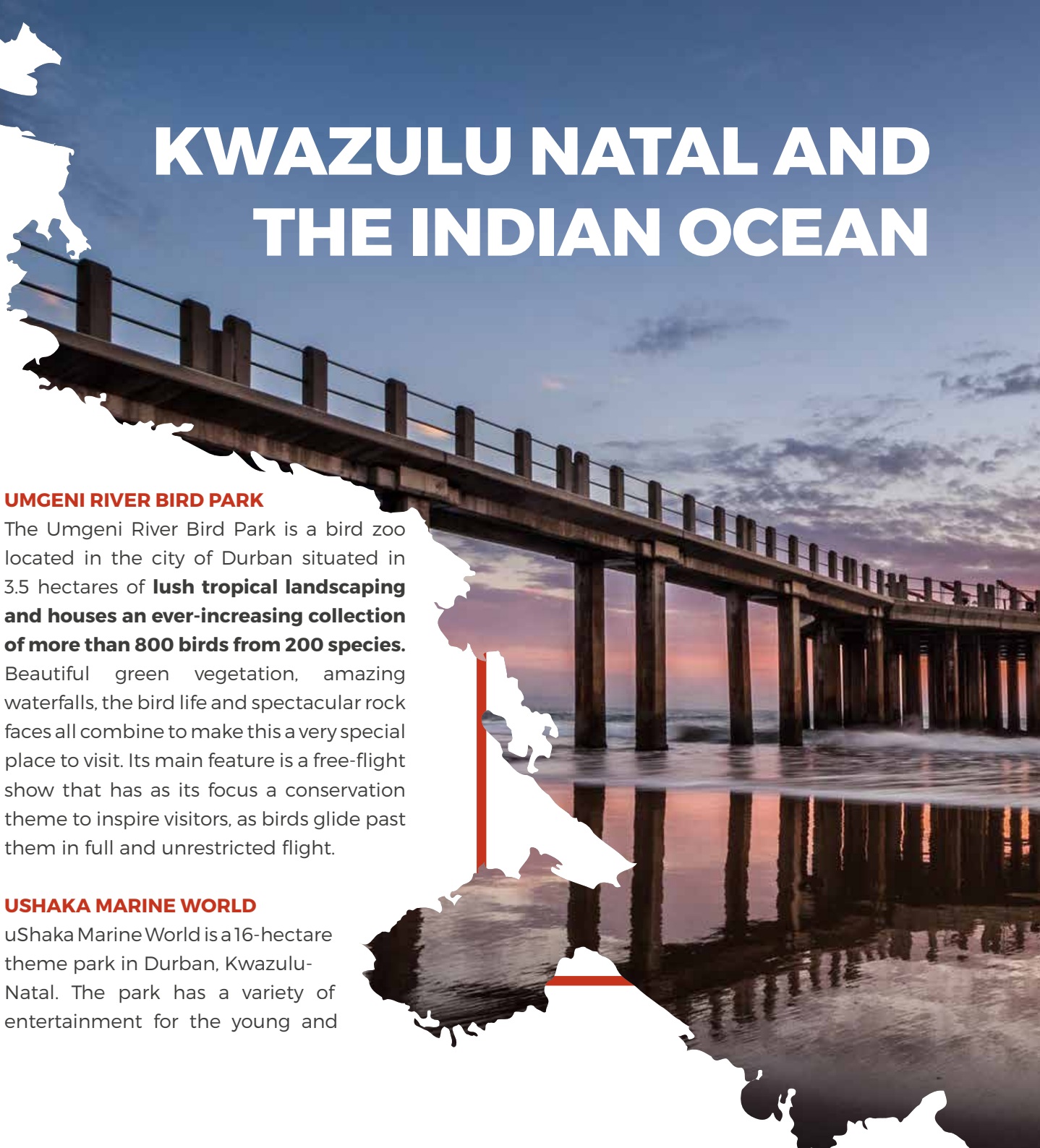
# KWAZULU NATAL AND THE INDIAN OCEAN

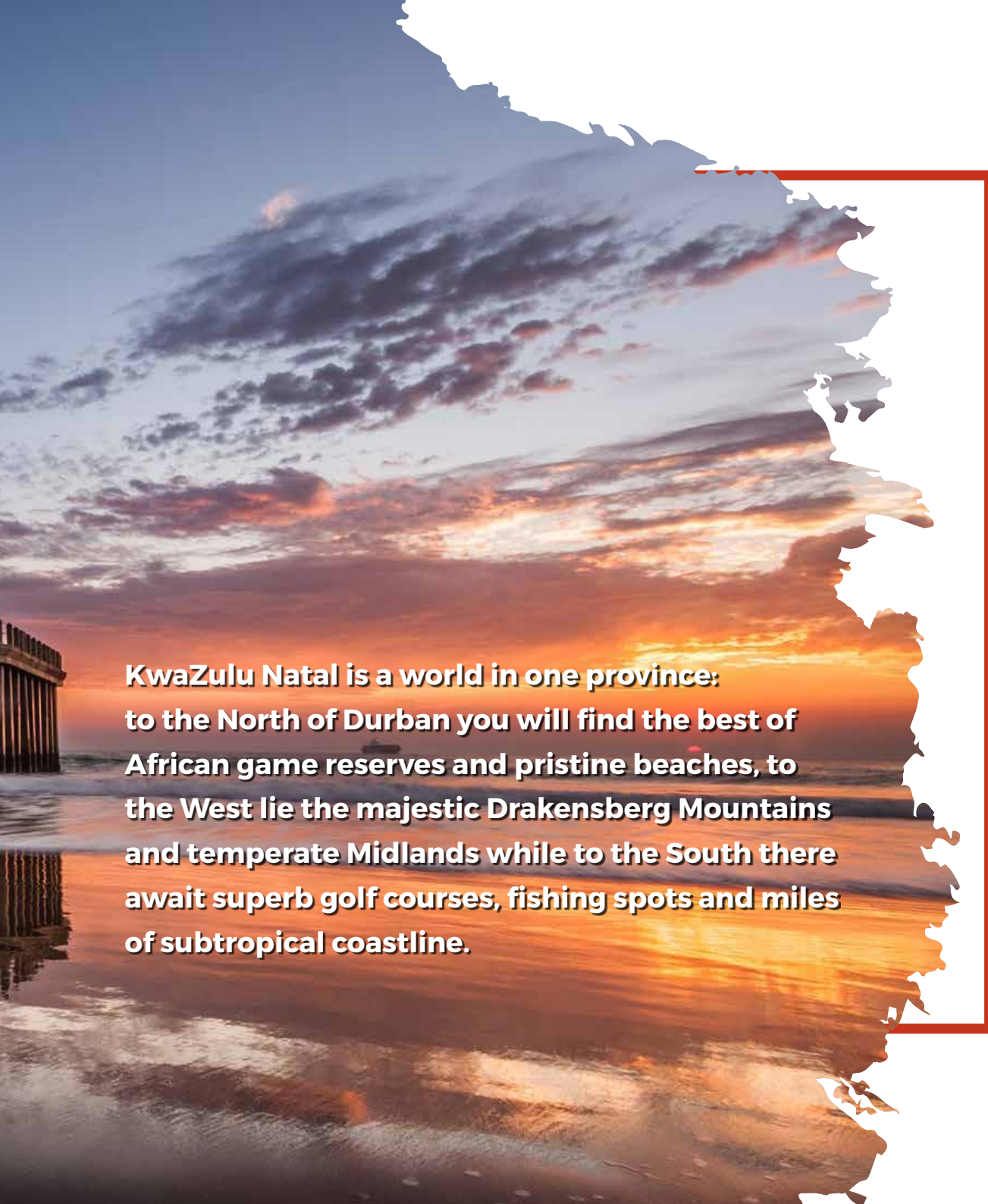
## UMGENI RIVER BIRD PARK

The Umgeni River Bird Park is a bird zoo located in the city of Durban situated in 3.5 hectares of **lush tropical landscaping and houses an ever-increasing collection of more than 800 birds from 200 species**. Beautiful green vegetation, amazing waterfalls, the bird life and spectacular rock faces all combine to make this a very special place to visit. Its main feature is a free-flight show that has as its focus a conservation theme to inspire visitors, as birds glide past them in full and unrestricted flight.

## USHAKA MARINE WORLD

uShaka Marine World is a 16-hectare theme park in Durban, Kwazulu-Natal. The park has a variety of entertainment for the young and





**KwaZulu Natal is a world in one province: to the North of Durban you will find the best of African game reserves and pristine beaches, to the West lie the majestic Drakensberg Mountains and temperate Midlands while to the South there await superb golf courses, fishing spots and miles of subtropical coastline.**

old with a variety of swimming pools, uShaka Beach, and water slides ranging from exciting chutes to leisurely tube rides. uShaka Sea World is the **fifth largest aquarium in the world** and has a variety of marine tanks, a "dangerous creatures" exhibit, a penguin exhibit, as well as dolphin and seal shows. Here you can get close to hundreds of fascinating marine animals – penguins, fish, turtles, sharks, seals, dolphins, snakes, frogs and many more creatures. There are also numerous fascinating things to see from an old shipwreck to indoor and outdoor displays and exhibits. You can even **dive with sharks and amongst reef species** in the Snorkel Lagoon.

#### **WILSON WARF**

The Port of Durban, commonly called Durban Harbour, is the largest and busiest shipping terminal in sub-Saharan Africa. It handles up to 31.4 million tons of cargo each year and is the fourth largest container terminal in the Southern Hemisphere. Wilson's Wharf, situated on Durban's Victoria embankment between the Yacht Mole and the Sugar Terminal, is the City's **trendiest fusion of fun, food, top shows and crafts**, all blended with the rustic interface of a boating marina and working slipways.

#### **DURBAN CITY CENTRE**

Durban City Centre was declared a formal town in 1835, and was named Durban after the governor of the Cape Colony at the time, Sir Benjamin d'Urban.

Thanks to its history, both ancient and colonial, as well as the cultures that have melded together to form one of the busiest and most diverse cities in South Africa, Durban is a must-see for travellers from around the world. Buildings like the Durban City Hall are important parts of preserving this history and exploring the depth and breadth of the South Africa of today. The City Hall is located opposite the flea market and in front of the Royal Hotel. Durban is the home of **iconic multipurpose Moses Mabhida stadium** located in a sporting precinct on the shore of the Indian ocean. The stadium's most characteristic feature is its Y-shaped 106-metres high arch, inspired by the South African flag, and which holds up the Teflon-coated glass fibre membrane roof. The Durban Playhouse and Prince's Theatre are also nearby, and provide fantastic opportunities to get **a real taste of modern and classic African culture.**

### **VICTORIA STREET MARKET**

The Victoria Street Market is Durban's oldest market. The **original traders in this area were Indian indentured labourers** who traded along the paving of Victoria Street between 1860 and 1910. In 1910 the municipality allocated this area and established the market to house these traders, and currently the market supports 180 traders. The Victoria Street Market is made up of small shops where traders sell a unique and vast range of decor, souvenirs, gifts, bags, spices, Chinese wholesale goods, brassware, cell phones, and African artwork from South Africa's diverse culture.





**TRAVEL BEYOND  
SOUTH AFRICA**



## MOZAMBIQUE

Mozambique stretches all the way up the Indian Ocean coast from South Africa to Tanzania. Once Portugal's most important African colony, it is all too often overlooked. A holiday in Mozambique is an excellent place to experience the **faded glamour of the colonial era**, with many Portuguese buildings crumbling in the tropical heat. Maputo is a fascinating city with some of Africa's finest seafood. The ports of Beira and Ilha de Mozambique are rich with colonial architecture, but most visitors travel to Mozambique for a beach holiday in the small Indian Ocean hideaways found on two offshore archipelagos, Quirimbas and Bazaruto.

## BOTSWANA

At the heart of Botswana is the **Okavango Delta, where Africa's third-largest river fans across desert sands in a myriad of shimmering waterways and lagoons**, giving birth to a green oasis half the size of Switzerland. A safari here is unique and a game watcher's paradise as one of the world's richest ecosystems teems with wildlife of all kinds. Though much of the water is seasonal, there are some permanent rivers, and mokoros (traditional poled canoes) glide silently by groves of papyrus and iridescent flocks of birds. To the north of the delta the Chobe River, within easy driving distance of the **Victoria Falls**, attracts some of Africa's largest elephant herds; while to the south the



extraordinary **Makgadikgadi and Nxai pans, drum-flat and shimmering in the sun**, give way to the stunning dunes of the Kalahari, home to Bushmen communities. In Botswana's spectacular and pristine environment **tourism treads lightly**, with safari lodges kept small and eco-sensitive, visitor numbers strictly limited, and human being's interference controlled.

### LESOTHO

Lesotho, known as the kingdom in the sky, or the mountain kingdom, is rich in culture. This high-altitude, landlocked kingdom encircled by South Africa, is crisscrossed by a network of rivers and mountain ranges including the **3,482m-high peak of Thabana-Ntlenyana**. On the Thaba-Bosiu plateau, near Lesotho's capital, Maseru, are **ruins dating from the 19th-century reign of King Moshoeshoe I**. Thaba Bosiu overlooks iconic Mount Qiloane, an enduring symbol of the nation's Basotho people. Lesotho offers beautiful destinations such as the Maloti Mountains, Thaba-Bosiu, Katse dam, Thabana-Ntlenyana, Bokong Nature Reserve, Kome caves, Morija Museum, Thaba-Bosiu Cultural Village and Maletsunyane Falls, Sehlabathebe National Park, Lion Rock Mountain, Moteng pass, Basotho hat, Katse dam Botanical Gardens, Molimo Nthuse Lodge, Lekhalong la Baroa (God help me pass), Liphofung Caves, Khotso-Ntso, Afriski Mountain Resort, and the Drakensburg Mountains amongst many others. The Maloti

Mountain range extends for about 100 km into the Free State and is part of the Drakensberg system. "Maloti" is also the plural for Loti, the currency of the Kingdom of Lesotho.

### NAMIBIA

Namibia, a country in southwest Africa, is distinguished by the **Namib Desert** along its Atlantic Ocean coast. The country is home to diverse wildlife, including a significant cheetah population. The capital, Windhoek, and coastal town Swakopmund contain German colonial-era buildings such as Windhoek's Christuskirche, built in 1907. In the north, **Etosha National Park's salt pan** draws game including rhinos and giraffes. Namibia is a very diverse country with an array of habitats and vegetation. It is also one of the few countries where animals still roam freely mostly unrestricted by human influence. The country has a great mix of desert, semi-desert and savannah. As you travel further north towards Etosha National Park, you will find a place that offers visitors a complete contrast of wide-open grasslands, a massive pan that covers 4731km<sup>2</sup> and large camel thorn trees mixed with Mopani trees. This **diverse vegetation accounts for the abundance of wildlife that thrives** in the park. A country of vivid contradictions and stark beauty, where undulating desert tumbles over towering dunes to meet a tempestuous coastline. This is the 'Country of Contrasts' and consists of diverse

landscapes, unique people, big vistas, ample sunshine and a considerable amount of wildlife. The dry, hot coastline meets the icy waters of the Atlantic creating a spectacular ecology not seen elsewhere in the world. These explorer-type tours offer wildlife and superb scenery. Discover the Sossusvlei dunes, meet the San bushmen, and travel by 4x4 across Caprivi, to Victoria Falls. See wildlife on game drives.

### TANZANIA

Tanzania in East Africa has the most alluring and renowned of Africa's place names, the mass migrations of the **Serengeti, the Great Rift Valley**, Ngorongoro Crater, the fossils of Olduvai Gorge, snow-capped Kilimanjaro, Lake Manyara and the spice-island Zanzibar. Tanzania houses the **highest mountain in Africa, Mt Kilimanjaro** (5895 m), the **second largest fresh-water lake** in the world, Lake Victoria and **one of the deepest lakes** in the world - Lake



Tanganyika. Selous Game Reserve is one of the world's largest, and the paradisiacal Ngorongoro **one of the largest intact volcanic craters**, where **wildlife roams freely among the Maasai herders**. The coastline of Tanzania is superb, and the islands of Zanzibar, Pemba and Mafia promise spectacular water sports after a Tanzaniaa safari. The culture is a **kaleidoscope of African, Arab, European, and Indian origins**. 120 tribal groups reside within the country. The wildlife viewing and birding is superb year-round. A particularly good time to go is from late Jun-Oct. The rains have passed, the roads dried, the weather is cooler. By this time **the migration in in full swing, with the plain's animals on their way to the Maasai Mara in Kenya**. A wonderful opportunity to see the very best of Tanzania, staying in the heart of the National Parks in private camps away from the crowds. After a night in Arusha continue to the game-filled areas of Tarangire National Park, the Ngorongoro Crater and the **Serengeti National Park**.

## ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe is a landlocked country in southern Africa known for its dramatic landscape and diverse wildlife, much of it within parks, reserves, and safari areas. On the Zambezi River, **Victoria Falls make a thundering 108m drop into narrow Batoka Gorge**, where there's white-water rafting and bungee-jumping. Downstream are Matusadona and Mana Pools national parks, home to hippos,

rhinos and birdlife. Zimbabwe is bordered by South Africa to the south, Botswana to the west, Zambia to the north and Mozambique to the east. This is a country blessed with great natural beauty, game reserves and mineral wealth. a captivating country located in south-central Africa. Zimbabwe is a traveler's dream. The country contains many modern and ancient sites but is probably known best for Victoria Falls and The **Hwange National Park**. Of course, anyone visiting the area would have to experience a true safari. The Hwange National Park is the larger park of Zimbabwe's two national parks. Here you can enjoy an afternoon adventure while witnessing one of the few places left in Africa where elephants and lions still roam free. Eastern Zimbabwe consists of lavish grassland, filled with beautiful waterfalls, mountains, flowers and rare birds and animals. The larger cities in the country also provide visitors with many things to see. **Museums and cultural centers abound**, as do cafés and shops. For those interested in archeology, there are several Iron Age sites that may be visited.







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