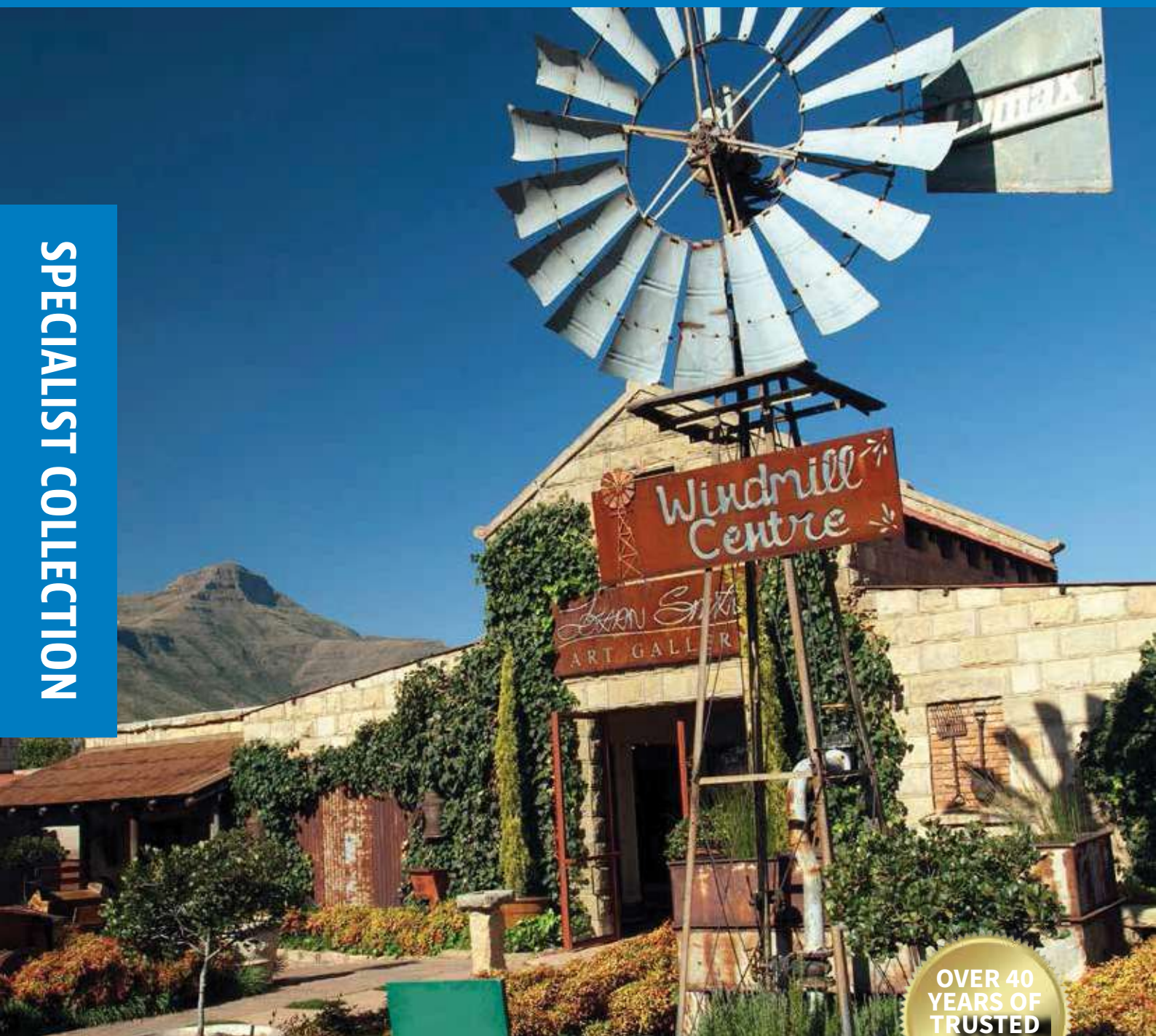


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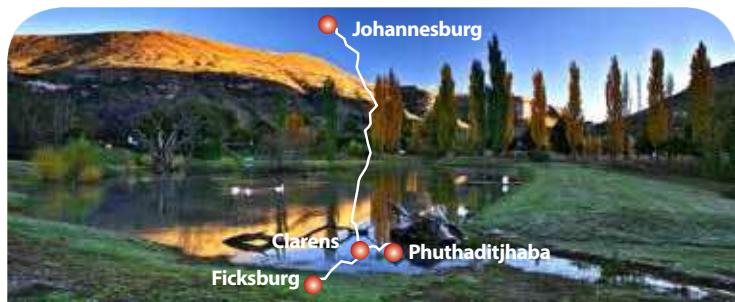
WorldO® recommends...

Visit the Micro-Brewery and many craft shops or take a drive through the beautiful Golden Gate Highlands National Park.

road trippin'

self-drive holidays

South Africa is perfect for a road trip. Whether it's meandering through the scenic beauty and rural tranquillity of the Free State; exploring the majestic Drakensberg region; discovering one of the world's most remarkable coastal stretches, the Garden Route; tripping through the vast, open spaces and beautiful spring flower spectacle of the Northern Cape or just stopping off wherever your heart desires, you can travel at your own pace with no time restrictions. Thompsons' carefully planned tailor-made self-drive holidays will ensure that you get the most from your holiday. Choose your dream route and Thompsons will make it happen.



scenic Free State

Round trip from Johannesburg

DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG / CLARENS (300km)

Depart Johannesburg and follow the 'Eagle Route' with some of the most picturesque landscapes in the country. En-route stop in Bethlehem.

Must do

* Visit Lions Rock, a wildlife rehabilitation & breeding centre in Bethlehem.

Overnight - Clarens.

DAY 2: CLARENS

Explore the 'Jewel of the Free State', famous as an artist's and crafters' paradise and for outdoor enthusiasts.

Must do

- * Visit an art gallery.
- * Browse through the many arts & crafts shops.
- * Say 'Cheers' at the famous Clarens Brewery.
- * Drive through the beautiful Golden Gate Highlands National Park.
- * Get wet on a white water rafting trip.

Overnight - Clarens.

DAY 3: CLARENS / FICKSBURG / CLARENS (170km)

Head off to the cherry capital of the world, Ficksburg and explore this fascinating town.

Must do

- * Taste the famous Ionia Cherry Liqueur at the Ionia Cherry Farm.
- * See 'The Gumtree', the tallest sandstone structure in the world.

Overnight - Clarens.

DAY 4: CLARENS / PHUTHADITJHABA / CLARENS (170km)

Keep on exploring the outskirts of Clarens and take a drive to Phuthaditjhaba for the day.

Must do

- * Walk to the top of the 850m high Tugela Falls on the Sentinel Hiking trail.
- * Visit the Basotho Cultural Village for more insight into Sotho life.
- * Enjoy a lunch at the legendary Vulture Restaurant at Witsiehoek Mountain Resort.

Overnight - Clarens.

DAY 5: CLARENS / JOHANNESBURG (300km)

Depart Clarens for Johannesburg.



beautiful Mpumalanga & Kruger

Round trip from Johannesburg

DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG / DULLSTROOM (285km)

Depart Johannesburg for the peaceful village of Dullstroom, one of South Africa's premier fly-fishing destinations.

Must do - Trout fishing * Hiking * Tee off on an Ernie Els designed championship golf course * Enjoy a gastronomic feast at one of the excellent restaurants * Visit the world-renowned whisky bar.

Overnight - Dullstroom

DAY 2: DULLSTROOM / HAZYVIEW (160km)

Spend the morning exploring this beautiful village before making your way to Hazyview.

Must do - Set off on an exciting safari into the Kruger National Park on a game drive * Enjoy a boma bush dinner on the banks of the Phabeni River.

Overnight - Hazyview

DAY 3: HAZYVIEW / PANORAMA ROUTE / HAZYVIEW (300km)

After a hearty breakfast, it's time to explore the extraordinary Panorama route.

Must do - Visit the Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes, Lisbon waterfalls and God's Window.

Overnight - Hazyview

DAY 4: HAZYVIEW / KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (20km)

Set off to the magnificent Kruger National Park where you will be spending the next few days.

Overnight - One of the many beautiful lodges.

DAY 5 - DAY 7: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy the peace and tranquillity that this beautiful park has to offer.

Must do - Morning and afternoon game drives to search for the Big 5 * Chilling next to a lodge swimming pool listening to the sounds of the bush.

Overnight - One of the many beautiful lodges.

DAY 7: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK / JOHANNESBURG (450km)

Leave the peace and quietness of the bush behind as you conclude your adventure and return to Johannesburg.

all bronzed up

Western Cape

Explore the scenic splendour of the diverse Western Cape with its unmatched natural beauty, cultural diversity, the Cape Winelands, delicious cuisine and a beautiful stretch of coastline. Perched between the ocean and the mountain and with a national park at its heart, vibrant Cape Town offers a variety of attractions such as mountain climbing, surfing, diving, a pulsating nightlife, wine tasting and endless shopping.



#lovecapetown

Do this...

CITY SIGHTSEEING CAPE TOWN (HOP-ON HOP-OFF BUS)

A ticket on the City Sightseeing bus gives you access to all the main tours and takes you directly to Cape Town's top attractions – including the Table Mountain Cableway, V&A Waterfront and Camps Bay. Don't miss the free walking tours around the city. Various ticket pass options available.

TABLE MOUNTAIN CABLEWAY

Board the state of the art cable car transportation system for a five-minute scenic ride to the top of Table Mountain, one of the world's New7Wonders of Nature. Relax and enjoy refreshments on top of Table Mountain at one of the food and beverage outlets.

TWO OCEANS AQUARIUM (V&A WATERFRONT)

Experience the incredible diversity of marine life found in the Indian and Atlantic Oceans at this top tourist attraction. Immerse yourself in the wonders of the ocean at the awe-inspiring exhibits, grab a bite to eat at Café V, get up close and personal with adorable rockhopper penguins or dive in the Aquarium to get close to shoals of large predators.

THE SPRINGBOK EXPERIENCE RUGBY MUSEUM (V&A WATERFRONT)

Enjoy a day out with the family at this world-class, modern interactive museum featuring more than 60 audio visual displays where you can watch the history of South African rugby unfold. Participate in one of the games where you can test your kicking, passing, fitness and reaction skills in the interactive 'Springbok Trials' games zone.

RICHARD'S SUPPER STAGE

The one and only Cape show, 'Kaapse Stories from the Mother City', is played at this vibrant Cape themed dinner theatre venue, transporting the audience into the colourful and exciting world of the Cape, paired with a great spectrum of the wonderful culinary delights that Cape Town has to offer. Richard Loring, the acclaimed producer of South Africa's most famous musical, 'African Footprint', produces the show.





SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALE TOURS (HERMANUS)

Board an exhilarating boat-based whale watching tour for an up-close and personal encounter with the 'gentle giants' of the ocean in their natural environment. Whale watching season usually starts in June and ends in December.

CANOPY TOURS® CAPE TOWN (1 HOUR FROM CAPE TOWN - HOTTENTOTS HOLLAND NATURE RESERVE)

Get ready for adventure as you launch off the first platform and glide on a steel cable across a pristine part of an amazing World Heritage Site to the next viewpoint. Stop for a while and enjoy the breathtaking view while your guide points out interesting features or facts about the surrounding ecology.

GREAT WHITE SHARK CAGE DIVING (GANSBAAI)

Come face to face with the endangered Great White Shark while at the same time getting a crash-course in marine biology, the trends, traits, ecosystem and challenges of these precious and amazing marine species.

AFROGEM (CAPE TOWN)

Experience the rich mineral heritage of the African continent with this tour commencing with viewing a private collection of semi-precious stones. Visit the state of the art CAD room where three-dimensional blueprints and wax moulds are used to create bespoke pieces with the tour concluding in the showroom where you can view a range of jewellery, loose gems and curios.

WEST COAST FLOWER TOUR (FROM CAPE TOWN)

Visit the West Coast National Park for a view of the annual display of wild flowers that burst into sight as spring approaches. In your search for these beautiful flowers, you will cover Mamre, Darling, West Coast National Park and Langebaan to view the variety of flowers on display. Time dependant, you can include an optional Ostrich Tour visit.



Cape Winelands

heartstoppingly beautiful...

The Cape Winelands are a premier Western Cape visitor attraction. Wine tasting, winemaking tours, excellent cuisine and magnificent scenery create an irresistible attraction for travellers. Characterised by classic Cape Dutch-style architecture, rolling vineyards and picturesque mountains as a backdrop, it is an absolute must on your itinerary.

Some of the most popular wine regions include - Spier Wine Estate which has one of the Cape's oldest wine cellars; the Stellenbosch Wine Route, South Africa's oldest; the town of Robertson, home to the acclaimed Robertson Winery; the Wellington region, famous for its brandy; Paarl, home to the internationally renowned Nederburg Wine Estate and numerous other premier brands; Constantia, the closest wine region to Cape Town and the Franschhoek Wine Valley, famous for its food and aptly named the 'gourmet capital of South Africa'.



WorldO® recommends...

Explore the vast grounds of Stellenbosch's Spier wine farm on a Segway.

Do this...

STELLENBOSCH

ADVENTURE SHOP VINE HOPPER PASS

The Vine Hopper bus is a hop on hop off wine tour to some of the best wine estates in Stellenbosch. You decide when you would like to start and how long you would like to spend on the estates, to enjoy wine tastings and then jump on the bus to the next farm.

SEGWAY TOURS AT SPIER

Glide through the vineyards on two-wheeled, self-balancing, battery powered personal transporters exploring the vast grounds of Stellenbosch's Spier wine farm and see natural farming practices in action against the backdrop of the soaring Helderberg. Some tours include wine tasting.

FRANSCHHOEK

THE FRANSCHHOEK WINE TRAM HOP-ON HOP-OFF TOUR

Discover the true essence of the breathtaking Franschhoek Valley as you journey through rolling vineyards in an open-sided tram and open-air tram-bus stopping at some of South Africa's oldest and most distinguished wine estates.

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The Garden Route

take a hike...

Discover one of South Africa's best kept secrets, the Garden Route, a popular and scenic stretch on the south-eastern coast, stretching from Mossel Bay in the Western Cape to the Storms River in the east. Glorious natural beauty, challenging golf courses, ancient forests, excellent beaches, picturesque lagoons, lakes and the mountain ranges of the Outeniqua and Tsitsikamma which divide the Garden Route from the arid Little Karoo. Whatever your holiday desire, you'll find what you're looking for on the Garden Route.



#gardenroute

Do this...

TSITSIKAMMA BLACKWATER TUBING

The ultimate tubing adventure experience takes place in the Plaatbos Nature reserve and Tsitsikamma National Park. Start the half or full day adventure by climbing into a specialised one person inflatable river tube and then paddle through remote and picturesque areas. It's a bucket load of fun.

TSITSIKAMMA CANOPY TOURS

A unique eco-wilderness adventure that takes place in the magnificent Tsitsikamma indigenous rainforest. From the start on the launch platform a new world unfolds as one gently glides on a steel cable to the first of ten tree platforms, built high up in the giant Outeniqua Yellowwoods. This is a journey of a lifetime.

JOHN BENN CRUISE (KNYSNA LAGOON)

The John Benn is a paddle cruiser style floating restaurant in Knysna offering daily lunch and sunset lagoon cruises to the Knysna Heads. An optional a la carte and tapas menu is available on board with fresh Knysna oysters, local beer & sparkling wine. This is definitely a memorable and scenic activity.





WorldO® recommends...

Cruise to the Knysna Heads on a John Benn cruise on the Knysna Lagoon.

CRUISE CAFÉ EXPERIENCE (KNYSNA)

Feast on delicious oysters at the Cruise Café, known for its fresh seafood, classy cocktails and modern cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere with exceptional views of the Knysna Lagoon.

GARDEN ROUTE NATIONAL PARK (TSITSIKAMMA, KNYSNA AND WILDERNESS SECTIONS)

Enjoy the variety of fun and adventurous activities in this breathtaking park, ranging from hiking, nature walks, forest excursions, birding, mountain biking, water activities and the Otter Trail. Various accommodation options available.

SAFARI OSTRICH SHOW FARM (OUDTSHOORN)

For an unforgettable experience, enjoy a guided tour to learn more about ostriches and their fascinating nature as the guide explains every aspect of ostrich farming, from breeding to rearing. You will also have the opportunity to see the second biggest bird in the world after the ostrich, namely the Emu from Australia and the rare White Ostriches.

CANGO WILDLIFE RANCH (OUDTSHOORN)

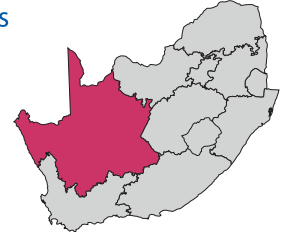
Experience incredible animal encounters as you meander on the catwalk over large natural enclosures to view some of the world's greatest big cats; see the rare Madagascar Ring-tailed Lemurs in the exotic setting of Lemur Island; feed the wallabies or for a thrilling adventure, get very close to crocodiles on a croc cage dive.



Northern Cape

starry starry nights...

South Africa's largest province, offering almost endless potential for escapism from luxuriously appointed tented camps in the heart of the Kalahari Desert to camping along the mighty Orange River. This incredible stargazing destination allows you to get away from the hustle and bustle of modern living making it a truly remarkable holiday destination.



#NorthernCape



Top reasons to go...

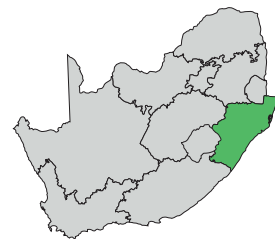
- * An incredible stargazing destination.
- * A rich cultural experience with the first human inhabitants of the region, the Khomani San.
- * Witness the world's richest floral offering in Namaqualand in spring.
- * A family-friendly destination with many recreational activities.
- * The warm hospitality of the people.
- * A variety of outdoor adventure activities and experiences.
- * Great weather, delicious food, wine and luxury accommodation.
- * The perfect backdrop for weddings and honeymoons.
- * Home to 6 national parks, 6 provincial nature reserves and numerous private game reserves, which allows you to experience all the natural splendour, bird life and game.
- * Visit the Augrabies National Park and its spectacular granite gorge and marvel at the amazing Augrabies Falls.



KwaZulu-Natal

a playground for adventure...

KwaZulu-Natal promises an inexhaustible quota of things to do and places to go. A wealth of scenic and cultural attractions include glimmering golden beaches, bushveld reserves, historic battlefields, the dramatic Drakensberg, the awe-inspiring world heritage sites such as the coastal iSimangaliso (Greater St Lucia) Wetland Park and the mountainous 'Barrier of Spears' in Ukhahlamba-Drakensberg Park. Witness the unforgettable sardine run or enjoy the biggest music, sport and arts festivals. This province is an adventure playground. Get there!



#gottaluvkzn

Do this...

USHAKA MARINE WORLD

Africa's no. 1 theme park providing unlimited fun with water rides, oceanarium, dolphin, seal & penguin shows, shopping, beach activities and lots more. Purchase the best value combo ticket (Sea World & Wet 'n Wild) for sunshine, marine life and splashing around. This is the perfect day out.

SEGWAY GLIDING TOURS

Set off on your journey with a qualified Segway tour guide who will share his wealth of knowledge of the Moses Mabhida Stadium. Select from the Moses Mabhida All Access Tour or the promenade and beyond tour and enjoy a smooth ride.

DRAKENSBERG CANOPY TOURS

Experience nature like never before as you slide through the forest canopy and enjoy a unique birds-eye view of the world around you. The magnificent setting and natural beauty of the Drakensberg will blow you away.

TIGER FISHING IN LAKE JOZINI

An exciting fishing activity as these ferocious fighting game fish are rare in South African waters. Set up your fly rod and patiently wait for your big catch.

SHAYAMANZI HOUSEBOATS Zululand – Jozini dam

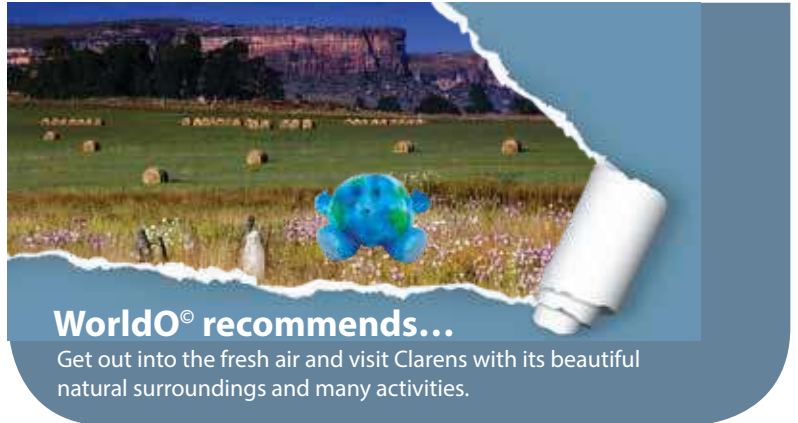


fashionably in the... *Free State*

Discover and explore this province with its scenic beauty, rural tranquillity and festivals. Select one of the Free State's Big 5 holiday routes (Cheetah, Eagle, Lion, Flamingo and Springbok), each offering their own history, culture, adventure and natural attractions. What are you waiting for? Go!



#ILoveFreeState



Top reasons to go...

- * Stay in Clarens known as "The Jewel of the Free State".
- * Attend the Manguang African Cultural Festival (Macufe), one of the biggest cultural festivals in Bloemfontein.
- * Pop in at the Basotho Cultural Village for an interactive tour of traditional Sotho life in the Golden Gate Highlands National Park.
- * Take a guided tour through the passages inside the wall of South Africa's largest dam, the Gariep Dam.
- * Visit Naval Hill, one of its kind in Bloemfontein, containing a 6.5m-high statue of Nelson Mandela and the famous White Horse sculpture.
- * Live it up at the cherry festival in Ficksburg taking place each November.
- * Enjoy berry picking, beer, 'mampoer' and art in Parys.
- * See the oldest and largest crater on earth at the Vredefort Dome.

Do this...

RIVER RAFTING ON THE VAAL RIVER (PARYS)

Enjoy a white river raft adventure trip on the cloudy waters of the Vaal River near Parys, taking you on a trip back in time through a vast span of planetary evolution. Select from a variety of trip options – the 3 or 8km river raft trip and the sundowner or full moon paddles.

FLY FISHING OR TROUT FISHING (CLARENS)

Try your hand at fly fishing in well-stocked dams in Clarens, one of the top trout fishing spots in South Africa. If you want to land a trophy fish then the Ash River is a must do for the keen angler.

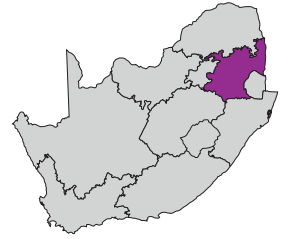
THE BASOTHO CULTURAL VILLAGE (GOLDEN GATE HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK)

Experience a unique South African cultural village with authentic hospitality where you will learn about traditional arts, crafts and lifestyle of the Basotho people. The village consists of a rest camp resembling an 18th century Basotho village combined with replica homesteads dating from the 16th century to the present day.

Mpumalanga

beauty & the bush...

Steeped in history, this province is considered to be one of the most geographically diverse and beautiful places in South Africa, with breathtaking attractions. Magnificent scenery, mountains, panoramic passes, awe-inspiring valleys, majestic lakes, rivers, tons of waterfalls and forests characterise the



landscape. View attractions such as the Blyde River Canyon, the largest green canyon in the world; God's Window with its panoramic views; Bourke's Luck Potholes, a natural wonder; Sudwala Caves, regarded as the oldest caves in the world; fly-fishing in Dullstroom and gold panning at Pilgrims Rest. This is also Big Game Country, the setting for dozens of sanctuaries teeming with wildlife and birds including the legendary Kruger National Park, which is one of the largest national parks in Africa and home to the Big Five. Mpumalanga is a must-see destination and offers something for everyone.

#explorempumalanga

Do this...

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK GAME DRIVE (FROM HAZYVIEW)

Get the best game viewing in specially modified, open safari vehicles led by knowledgeable guides who will take you deep into the bush, tracking and sighting animals to capture your very own spectacular wildlife photographs.

WHITE WATER RAFTING ON THE SABIE RIVER (NEAR HAZYVIEW)

Step into a two man inflatable raft and paddle your way, under the watchful eye of a qualified guide, through the rapids of the Sabie River with its abundance of bird life and lush indigenous forest scenes. You will even get the chance to "bum slide" half way at the picnic stop.

QUAD BIKE TRAILS - THE SABIE RIVER VALLEY (NEAR HAZYVIEW)

Meet your experienced guide and follow quad tracks through indigenous forests and blue gum plantations through to spectacular waterfall viewpoints.

ABSEILING - THE SABIE RIVER VALLEY (NEAR HAZYVIEW)

Experience the thrill of a jump as you abseil down a massive granite rock with views of the Kruger National Park and the Sabie River Valley towards God's Window.





WorldO® recommends...

Experience a memorable game viewing sunset safari with sundowners in the Kruger National Park.

ZIPLINING (NEAR HAZYVIEW)

Dress up with a full body harness and 3,2,1...off you go on a 450m long zip slide reaching a speed of about 100 km/h at a height of 77m - don't forget to take in the spectacular scenery!

THE PANORAMA ROUTE (FROM HAZYVIEW)

Visit the legendary Blyde River Canyon and enjoy the never-ending Lowveld landscape from the ledge of God's Window. Tuck into lunch at the famous Harrie's Pancakes in the quaint mining town of Pilgrim's Rest and explore the extraordinary rock formations of Bourke's Luck Potholes, one of nature's most intriguing creations.

SUNSET SAFARI AND AFRICAN BOMA DINNER (FROM HAZYVIEW)

Climb onto an open safari vehicle and enjoy a sunset safari in the Kruger Park searching for the Big 5. Arrive at a boma set on the banks of the Phabeni River, where animals come to drink, and enjoy a dinner in the bush cooked African style over hot coals.



North West Province

work or play...

The Heritage destination of South Africa features superb malaria-free game parks, among them the Pilanesberg Game Reserve and the Madikwe Game Reserve. Don't forget the world-famous Sun City gaming and entertainment resort and the tourism hotspot of Hartbeespoort Dam with its hive of outdoor activities.



#iloveNW

Do this...

HARTIES CABLEWAY (HARTBEESPOORT DAM)

Take in the panoramic views of the beautiful Magaliesberg, Hartbeespoort Dam and surrounding areas. There's lots to do at the base station and the summit with walkways, the KidZone, restaurants, bomas and a bar. This is an ideal family day trip you would want to repeat.



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