

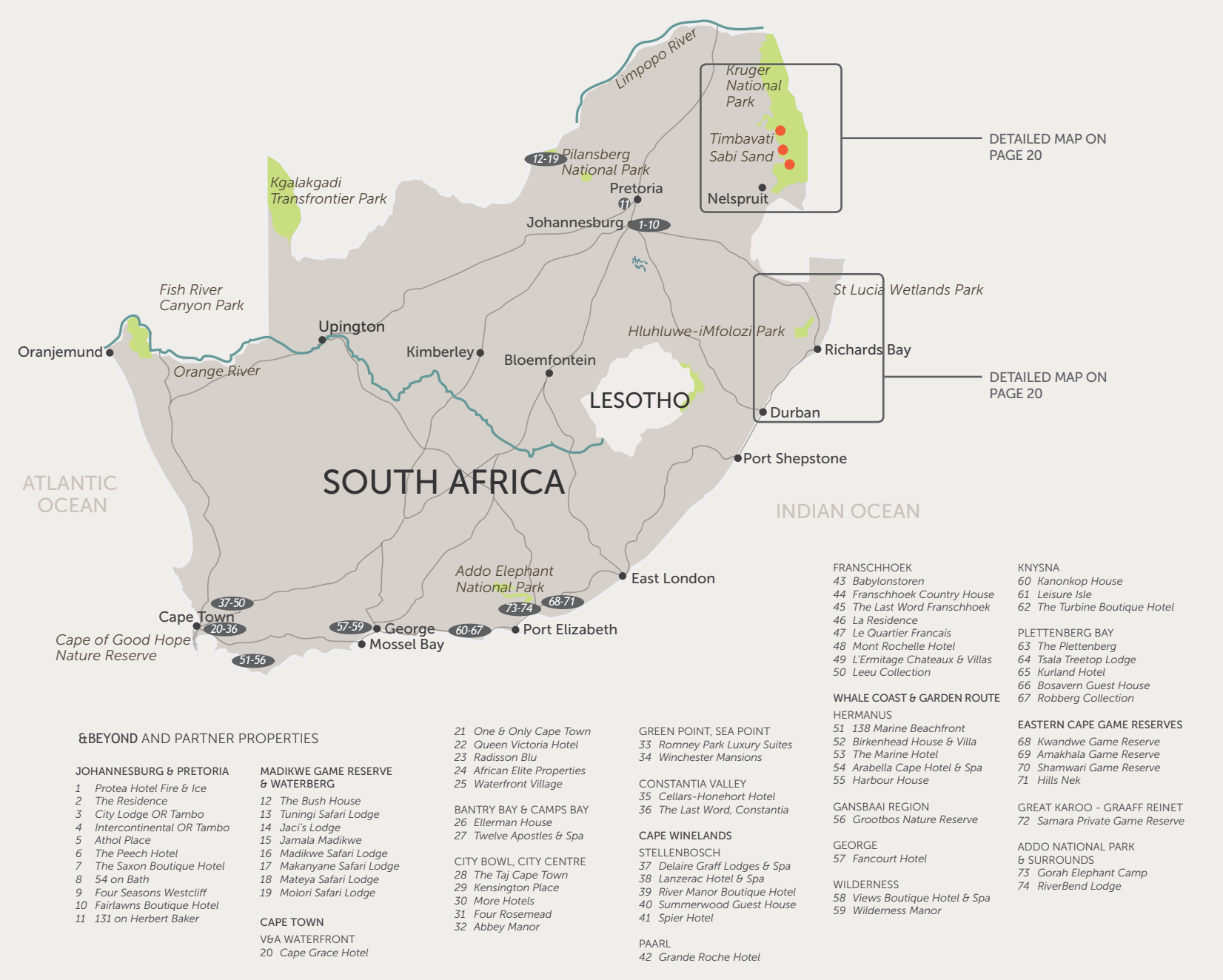
A close-up profile of a lion's head, looking towards the right. The lion has a thick, golden-brown mane and a focused expression. The background is a soft-focus savanna landscape with tall, golden grasses under a warm, hazy sky.

DISCOVER...

SOUTH AFRICA

Situated at the tip of the African continent and surrounded by two oceans (Indian and Atlantic), South Africa boasts breathtaking scenery, quaint coastal villages and cosmopolitan cities that can all be combined with a truly exhilarating Big Five safari. Consistently voted as one of the top tourist destinations around the world, South Africa is home to one of the world's biggest nature reserves, the renowned Kruger National Park, as well as one of the most beautiful and scenic cities, Cape Town and its surrounding Winelands. This is a fantastic destination for the entire family to enjoy, and perfect for honeymooners, adventure travellers, food enthusiasts or those just seeking an introduction to the wonders of the continent.

FAST FACTS



Currency

Local Currency: South African Rand

Accepted Currency: ZAR

Accepted Credit Cards: Visa, Mastercard, Amex, Diners Club

How to Spend it

A South African wine – the country is globally recognised for its exceptional wine estates.

A bottle of Amarula – this sinfully delicious liqueur is a South African favourite.

The Krugerrand – the world's first ounce-denominated gold coin.

Township art – purchase a colourful memento from the Soweto township.

In Numbers

Population: 53 million

11 official languages

9 Provinces

3 official state capital cities: Pretoria, Bloemfontein and Cape Town

The country is 5 times the size of Japan and 3 times the size of Texas

8 World Heritage Sites

Coastline stretches over 2 500 kilometres (1 553 miles)

Home to the world's longest wine route, the Cape Route 62 (or R62), which is about 1 000 kilometres (621 miles) long

2nd largest fruit producer in the world

Home to the highest commercial bungee jump in the world at 710 feet

Did You Know?

Vilakazi Street in Soweto, is the world's only street to have housed two Nobel Peace Prize winners, Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu.

Shares borders with Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, the Indian and Atlantic Oceans.

Food

Mampoer – South Africa's own version of moonshine (to be sipped in moderation), usually made from fruits such as apricots or peaches.

Pap and Nyama – stiff mielie (corn)-meal porridge and barbeque (braai) meat.

Melktert - Afrikaans for "milk tart", this is a traditional dessert, with a sweet pastry and creamy, custard-like filling.

TRAVEL TIMES

CAPE TOWN		CAPE WINELANDS		WHALE COAST AND GARDEN ROUTE		KWAZULU-NATAL		JOHANNESBURG		KRUGER AND SURROUNDS		SABI SAND GAME RESERVE		MADIKWE GAME RESERVE		EASTERN CAPE GAME RESERVES		PRETORIA																										
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* Includes layover time in connecting location ** Includes flight and road transfer time
 Disclaimer: All flights may include multiple stops and scheduling is a guideline – times will vary and scheduling is coordinated mainly by operations teams on the ground.
 Flight schedules are more limited in off-peak periods. Above times are based on best-practice logistics and exclude transfers to and from lodges.

Care of the Land, Wildlife and People

In South Africa, &Beyond's community development partner, Africa Foundation, has empowered over 80 000 people living near Phinda Private Game Reserve through various education, healthcare and small business development initiatives. To date, the Community Leaders Education Fund has produced 14 medical doctors, 32 engineers, 169 educators, 24 accountants, 22 lawyers and 12 environmentalists.

At &Beyond, every decision we make revolves around the preservation of Africa's people and wildlife areas. The way we operate is extended by our careful selection of like-minded travel partners such as Grootbos, who are actively making a real contribution to the unique natural environment of the Walker Bay region and its people. Similarly, Tswalu Kalahari observes sustainable conservation practices and ensure that the people of the area benefit from the work opportunities and training that tourism development offers.

Caught on Film

Be sure to take an image of iconic Table Mountain with its smoky tablecloth of clouds.

Capture the Big Five on film, whilst on an unforgettable safari.

Snap away at the playful antics of the southern right whales at Hermanus.

Digitally immortalise the enchanting penguins at Boulders Beach.

CITIES AND COASTLINES

CAPE TOWN

With Table Mountain, one of the most spiritual places on earth, at its heart and two oceans at its feet; the city of Cape Town, strategically situated at the south-western tip of Africa, has been famed for centuries as the Tavern of the Seas. Vibrant, cosmopolitan and an eclectic mix of old and new, this laid-back city is as much at home with its 17th century castle – whose cannons have never been fired in anger – as it is with its sleek skyscrapers and trendy malls. Home to South Africa's first mosque, oldest wine farm, a 350-year-old garden, award-winning eateries and timelessly beautiful beaches, it's no surprise the legendary spectral ship, the Flying Dutchman, has spent eternity sailing the city's shores.



CAPE TOWN

CAPE WINELANDS

Meander through the famed Cape Winelands where a harmonious blend of art, nature and decadent food, paired with the finest wines in the world, await you. The region is the source of many legendary Cape wines, the result of the area's row upon row of grapevines, many of which were first planted hundreds of years ago. Its classic Cape-Dutch homesteads, mountainous surrounds, grand heritage and award-winning restaurants have earned the Cape Winelands the right to call itself South Africa's culinary capital. A part from a wide choice of wine estate cellars, visitors can also indulge on a variety of locally produced cheeses, olives, export-quality fruit and organic produce.



CAPE WINELANDS

WHALE COAST AND GARDEN ROUTE

The pristine Cape Whale Coast is flanked by majestic mountains and the Atlantic Ocean. The entire route is renowned for its generous whale sightings, particularly in the Walker Bay area between Hermanus and Gansbaai. Whales swim into the bay to mate and give birth, and give onlookers a show with their breaching theatrics. Equally spectacular, the Garden Route is one of the most visited areas in South Africa. Running along the Western Cape coast, the Garden Route boasts pristine white beaches, lakes and forests, rivers and wild flowers in their millions - the scenery is diverse and breathtakingly beautiful.



WHALE COAST AND GARDEN ROUTE

KWAZULU-NATAL

A paradise of warm waters, sun-drenched beaches and eco-wonderlands, KwaZulu-Natal (also known as the Zulu Kingdom) is steeped in history and adventure. From Durban's bustling gateway of ports, fine dining and first-class shopping outlets to the historic battlefields, where strategists Shaka and Winston Churchill showed their might; this sunny region is fantastic for adventure seekers and discerning travellers. KwaZulu-Natal is home to the renowned &Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve as well as two UNESCO World Heritage sites; the iSimangaliso/Greater St Lucia Wetland Park, and the breathtaking mountainous region of the uKhahlamba-Drakensburg Park, which showcases exceptional San rock art and is perfect for avid hikers.



KWAZULU-NATAL

JOHANNESBURG AND PRETORIA

Known as the greatest gold-mining area on earth, the bustling city of Johannesburg is not just an industrial giant; it is the heart of the country's economy. From vibrant rural townships to exclusive boutiques in upmarket malls, theatres, museums, cultural villages, restaurants and more, Johannesburg is a diverse cultural melting pot, deserving of its name of 'iGoli' – or 'City of Gold'. South Africa's administrative capital of Pretoria was proclaimed in 1853. It is home to four universities and a host of museums, as well as beautiful buildings, such as the impressive Union Buildings, designed by Sir Herbert Baker.



JOHANNESBURG AND PRETORIA

BEYOND COMPARE

Cities and Coastlines

		CAPE TOWN	CAPE WINELANDS	WHALE COAST AND GARDEN ROUTE	KWAZULU-NATAL	JOHANNESBURG AND PRETORIA				
Why we Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This vibrant city is home to famous landmarks like Table Mountain, Robben Island, Cape Point & Kirstenbosch Gardens - Relax on glorious beaches or shop at the world renowned V&A Waterfront - Feast on a traditional Cape Malay meal in the Bo-Kaap Township 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enjoy a harmonious blend of art, nature and decadent food, paired with the finest wines in the world - Marvel at the classic Cape-Dutch homesteads, mountainous surrounds and grand heritage of the region - Indulge on a variety of locally produced cheeses, olives and export-quality fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience the world renowned heart of the Cape Floral Kingdom, host to the Marine Big Five and arguably the best land-based whale watching in the world - Explore the Tsitsikamma Forest - Revel in the region's variety of festivals from Grahamstown to the Knysna Oyster season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home to the Zulus - Explore the iconic battlefields region - Visit two World Heritage Sites; the iSimangaliso/ Greater St Lucia Wetland Park and the uKhahlamba-Drakensburg Park - Home to the Golden Mile, a pristine stretch of coastline - Renowned for its exceptional safari destinations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Johannesburg is the heart of the country's economy and home to vibrant rural townships, museums and cultural villages - Visit the Cradle of Humankind, home to the remains of ancient forms of animals, plants and most importantly, hominids - Delve into South Africa's turbulent past at the Apartheid Museum 				
	Getting There	<p>International Flights: South Africa is very accessible, with many flights arriving daily from around the globe at OR Tambo International Airport, Cape Town International Airport or King Shaka International Airport.</p> <p>Domestic/ Shuttle Flights: A sophisticated network of domestic and regional flights link the main tourist destinations, as well as those of neighbouring countries. Many game lodges have competitively priced shuttle flights directly from OR Tambo International Airport.</p> <p>Gateway Airport:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Cape Town International Airport</td> <td>Cape Town International Airport</td> <td>Cape Town International Airport / George Airport</td> <td>King Shaka International Airport / Richards Bay Airport</td> <td>OR Tambo International Airport / Lanseria International Airport / Wonderboom National Airport</td> </tr> </table> <p>Trains: Luxury trains link principal destinations on routes such as Cape Town - Pretoria; Pretoria - Durban; Pretoria - Victoria Falls. A wonderfully relaxed way to take in the contrasting scenery.</p> <p>Self Drive: South Africa has an excellent road network, making it an ideal destination for self-drive enthusiasts.</p>					Cape Town International Airport	Cape Town International Airport	Cape Town International Airport / George Airport	King Shaka International Airport / Richards Bay Airport
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Where to Stay*	\$\$\$	African Elite Properties Four Rosemead Abbey Manor Romney Park Waterfront Village	The Spier Hotel Summerwood Guest House River Manor Boutique Hotel & Spa Franschhoek Country House	Wilderness Manor 138 Marine Beachfront Robberg House Bosavern Guest House Leisure Isle Turbine Hotel	Ghost Mountain Inn Hartford House Fordoun Hotel & Spa Teremok Marine Catherdral Peak Hotel	Protea Hotel Fire & Ice Melrose Arch City Lodge OR Tambo				
	\$\$\$\$	More Hotels Kensington Place The Cellars-Hohenort Radisson Blu Winchester Mansions	L'Ermitage Franschhoek Grande Roche Hotel Lanzerac Hotel & Spa Mont Rochelle	Arabella Hotel & Spa Views Boutique Hotel The Plettenberg Harbour House Kanonkop House	Beverly Hills Hotel The Oyster Box Hotel	The Residence Intercontinental OR Tambo Athol Place The Peech Hotel				
	\$\$\$\$\$	One&Only** Cape Grace Hotel Ellerman House Twelve Apostles Taj Cape Town The Last Word	Le Quartier Francais Babylnstoren The Last Word La Residence** Leeu Estate** Delaire Graff Estate	The Marine Hermanus Birkenhead House Grootbos Garden Kurland Hotel Tsala Treetop Lodge Fancourt Hotel	Fugitives' Drift Lodge Makakatana Bay Lodge Thonga Beach Lodge &Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve	Saxon Boutique Hotel 54 on Bath 131 on Herbert Baker Fairlawns Hotel Four Seasons Westcliff				

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ACTIVITIES

Cities and Coastlines

		CAPE TOWN	CAPE WINELANDS	WHALE COAST AND GARDEN ROUTE	KWAZULU-NATAL	JOHANNESBURG AND PRETORIA	BEST KEPT SECRETS
SAFARI	Walking safaris			●	●		Enjoy a memorable, full day guided walking tour to some of Cape Town's most iconic cultural and local attractions with the entertaining Anni Hennop.
	Birdwatching	●	●	●	●	●	
	Marine Big 5 (whales, sharks, seals, penguins and dolphins)	●		●			
ADVENTURE	Helicopter tours	●	●	●			Embark on an adrenaline-pumping shark cage diving experience with renowned marine conservationist and great white shark expert, Chris Fallows.
	Side car trips	●	●				
	Deep-Sea fishing	●		●	●		
	Turtle trips				●		
	Horse-riding	●	●	●			Discover the historical significance of Robben Island on a tour hosted by Ahmed Kathrada, a South African politician, former political prisoner and anti-apartheid activist.
	Shark cage diving	●		●			
	Shark breaching	●		●			
	Yacht/boat cruises	●		●	●		
	Whale watching			●			Cruise the coastline in a private yacht from Robben Island to the V&A Waterfront.
	Mountain biking	●	●	●			
	Bungee jumping	●		●		●	
	Hot air ballooning		●				
	Tandem skydiving	●	●	●			
	Golfing	●	●	●	●	●	
CULTURAL	Community, township & village tours	●			●	●	Join renowned storyteller and historical tour guide, Robin Bincks on an interpretive and engaging cultural tour of Johannesburg, Soweto or the Cradle of Humankind.
	Rock art excursions	●			●		
	Cultural interaction	●			●	●	
	Battlefield tours				●		
	Wine tours	●	●	●			
	Historic tours	●	●		●	●	
	Human origin tours					●	
SPOIL	Shopping	●	●	●	●	●	Join specialist shopping guide Sandra Fairfax for a spot of retail therapy.
	Spa	●	●	●	●	●	
FOOD & WINE	Picnics	●	●	●	●	●	Explore the Cape's most scenic wine estates by bicycle and sample a glass of Pinotage, a red wine blend unique to South Africa.
	Wine tastings	●	●	●			
	Food tours	●	●			●	
	Top restaurants	●	●	●	●	●	

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Cities and Coastlines

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*	82°F	84°F	81°F	73°F	70°F	64°F	64°F	64°F	66°F	70°F	73°F	77°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*	61°F	61°F	57°F	54°F	50°F	45°F	45°F	46°F	48°F	52°F	55°F	59°F
RAIN FALL*	0.5"	0.7"	0.9"	1.5"	3.3"	4"	3.5"	3.4"	1.5"	1"	0.5"	0.5"
VALUE	\$\$	\$\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$\$	\$\$

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
ACTIVITIES	Cape Town's dry summer makes for perfect beach weather when the south-easterly wind starts to ease	●	●	●	●						●	●	
	Ideal time for shark cage diving as underwater visibility is best and opportunities to view white sharks are high					●	●	●	●				
	Golfing along the garden route is perfect during summer when its warmer and tourist season dies down		●	●	●								
	Hiking Table Mountain or the Cape Coast is best during the clear Autumn months when it's not too hot				●	●	●						
	Rainy winters in the Cape make for ideal food tours as markets open & top restaurants make for easy booking					●	●	●	●				
	The best time for wine tasting in the Cape as vineyards sprout new grapes and picnics are the order of the day	●	●	●	●						●	●	●
	Surfing in KwaZulu-Natal is excellent as the weather and is surf good, the water warm, and wind is off-shore			●	●	●	●						
	Walking trails along the Garden Route are ideal during the winter months when its cooler					●	●	●	●	●			
WILDLIFE AND VEGETATION	The best time for whale watching as the migratory southern right whales arrive along the coastline						●	●	●	●			
	Ideal time to witness the Namaqualand flowers burst into bloom as the weather warms up on the West Coast							●	●	●			
	Pelagic birding in the Cape is amongst the best in the world during winter when numbers are highest						●	●	●				
	Best time of year to catch sharks breaching is when the water is warmer and the seal pups are plentiful					●	●	●	●				
	Best time to search for leatherback and loggerhead turtles is when they lay eggs or emerge from their nests	●										●	●
	Ideal marine viewing as sharks and ocean mammals arrive on the KwaZulu-Natal shores for the Sardine Run					●	●						
	Close-up viewing of Penguins on Boulder's Beach as juveniles moult and adults feed-up for breeding season		●	●	●	●	●	●	●				
	Spring is the ideal time to visit the scenery, flora and gardens of the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens								●	●	●		
FESTIVALS	The National Arts Festival in Grahamstown					●	●						
	Knysna Oyster Festival on the Garden Route						●						
	Hermanus Whale Festival on the Whale Coast								●				
	Robertson Wacky Wine Weekend in Cape Winelands					●							
	Johannesburg Joy of Jazz Festival								●				
	Kirstenbosch Summer Festivals			●	●								

* Temperature and rainfall based on Cape Town. Source: Holiday-weather.com. Climate varies regionally and according to altitude - measured in farenheit and inches.
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KRUGER NATIONAL PARK



KRUGER & SURROUNDS

KRUGER

- 1 *&Beyond Ngala Safari Lodge*
- 2 *&Beyond Ngala Tented Camp*
- 3 *Jock Safari Lodge*
- 4 *Singita Lebombo & Sweni*
- 5 *Hamiltons Tented Camp*
- 6 *Imbali Safari Lodge*

KAPAMA

- 7 *Camp Jabulani*
- 8 *Kapama River Lodge*

TIMBAVATI

- 9 *Kings Camp*
- 10 *Kambaku River Sands*

THORNYBUSH

- 11 *Royal Malewane*
- 12 *Motswari Lodge*

MANYELETI

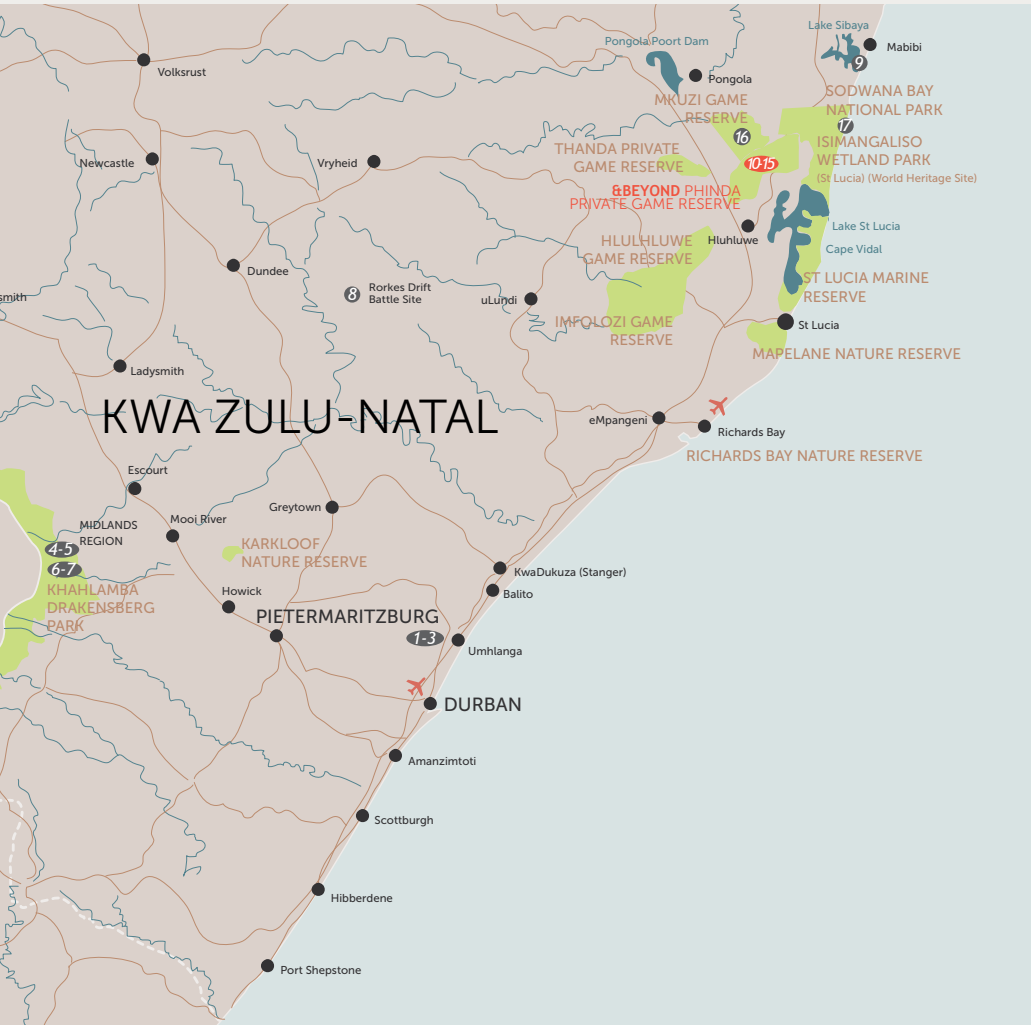
- 13 *Tintswalo Safari Lodge*

BALULE NATURE RESERVE

- 14 *Karongwe River Lodge*

SABI SAND GAME RESERVE

- 15 *&Beyond Kirkman's Kamp*
- 16 *Singita Sabi Sand*
- 17 *Ulusaba Safari Lodge*
- 18 *Londoloz Private Game Reserve*
- 19 *Sabi Sabi Lodges*
- 20 *Lion Sands Lodges*
- 21 *Mala Mala Private Game Reserve*
- 22 *Chitwa Chitwa*
- 23 *Arathusa Safari Lodge*
- 24 *Dulini Collection*



KWAZULU-NATAL

UMHLANGA

- 1 *Teremok Marine*
- 2 *The Oyster Box Hotel*
- 3 *The Beverly Hills Hotel*

MIDLANDS REGION

- 4 *Hartford House*
- 5 *Fordoun Hotel and Spa*

DRAKENSBERG

- 6 *Cleopatra's Mountain Farmhouse*
- 7 *Cathedral Peak Hotel*

RORKES DRIFT BATTLEFIELDS

- 8 *Fugitive's Drift Lodge*

MAPUTLAND / ELEPHANT COAST

- 9 *Thonga Beach Lodge*

MUKUZE / HLUHLUWE REGION

- 10 *&Beyond Phinda Mountain Lodge*
- 11 *&Beyond Phinda Forest Lodge*
- 12 *&Beyond Phinda Rock Lodge*
- 13 *&Beyond Phinda Vlei Lodge*
- 14 *&Beyond Phinda Homestead*
- 15 *&Beyond Phinda Zuka Lodge*
- 16 *Ghost Mountain Inn*

ISIMANGALISO

- 17 *Makakatana Bay Lodge*

LEGENDARY LANDSCAPES

KRUGER AND SURROUNDS

The world-famous Kruger National Park is South Africa's largest game reserve and one of the finest wildlife sanctuaries on the planet. The Kruger National Park has nearly two million hectares of unfenced African wilderness, in which more mammal species roam free than in any other game reserve. Within the Kruger National Park lies **&Beyond** Ngala Private Game Reserve, the first private game reserve to be incorporated into this famous park; and bordering the Kruger are other renowned private reserves such as the Sabi Sand and the Timbavati Game Reserve. The Kruger National Park is easily accessible via Johannesburg (only a four-hour drive away) and is near to scenic towns such as Graskop, White River and Pilgrims Rest.



KRUGER AND SURROUNDS

SABI SAND GAME RESERVE

The Sabi Sand Game Reserve is situated in the southwestern corner of the world-renowned Kruger National Park and consists of 65 000 hectares (160 620 acres). It is the most prestigious game reserve in South Africa, and is famous for incredible leopard sightings. With no fences between the farms (or, for that matter, between them and the Kruger Park), animals wander across vast stretches of grazing land as they did years and years ago. With one of the richest game populations in the country, the chances of seeing the Big Five (lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant and rhino) are excellent.



SABI SAND GAME RESERVE

&BEYOND PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Set within easy reach of the Indian Ocean coastline and the famous iSimangaliso / Greater St Lucia Wetland Park, **&Beyond** Phinda Private Game Reserve is known for its abundant wildlife, diversity of habitats and wide range of safari activities. Referred to as the 'Seven Worlds of Wonder', the reserve's fascinating variety of landscapes shelter the Big Five and many rarer and less easily spotted species, such as the elusive cheetah or the scarce black rhino. Adding to Phinda's wildlife charms, the marine diversity of nearby Sodwana Bay is easily accessible, with exceptional scuba diving, fishing and even turtle watching listed as some of its main attractions.



&BEYOND PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

MADIKWE GAME RESERVE AND WATERBERG

Discover a range of safari experiences at Madikwe Game Reserve, in South Africa's North West Province. This 76 000 hectare (187 800 acre) reserve boasts the Super Seven – adding cheetah and African wild dog to the famous Big Five. The Madikwe region is rich in history, having seen the passage of the famed warrior Mzilikazi, as well as Dr David Livingstone and Sir Cornwallis Harris. Nearby, in South Africa's Limpopo Province, you will find the Waterberg region. Meaning "Water Mountain" in Afrikaans, this region boasts a spectacular tapestry of untamed wilderness, interspersed by valleys and undulating hills that flank the blue-tinted expanse of the Waterberg Mountain Range.



MADIKWE GAME RESERVE AND WATERBERG

EASTERN CAPE GAME RESERVES

A province of dramatic contrasts, South Africa's Eastern Cape is home to some of the country's most varied landscapes. From the arid stretches of the Karoo to the lush rolling hills of the Transkei, the Eastern Cape is a tourist mecca. Here, a number of Big Five game reserves boast an exceptional range of game viewing adventures that will delight any wildlife enthusiast. The Addo Elephant National Park provides some of the world's most spectacular elephant viewing and the unique opportunity to view marine life such as whales and great white sharks. Equally sensational is the Shamwari Game Reserve (home to the Born Free Big Cat Rescue and Education Centres) and Kwandwe Private Game Reserve's 22 000 hectares (54 000 acres) of pristine wilderness.



EASTERN CAPE GAME RESERVES

BEYOND COMPARE

Legendary Landscapes

		KRUGER AND SURROUNDS	SABI SAND GAME RESERVE	&BEYOND PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE	MADIKWE GAME RESERVE AND WATERBERG	EASTERN CAPE GAME RESERVES
Why we Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discover South Africa's largest game reserve and one of the finest wildlife sanctuaries on the planet - Two million hectares of unfenced African wilderness known for huge breeding herds of elephants, large concentrations of lion, wild dog, leopard and large buffalo herds - A superb birding destination with regular sightings of the lilac-breasted roller and majestic fish eagle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit the most prestigious private game reserve in South Africa, famous for incredible leopard sightings - Wildlife roam freely between the unfenced boundaries of the Kruger National Park and Sabi Sand Game Reserve - Follow nocturnal wildlife on exhilarating spot-lit night drives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fascinating variety of landscapes shelter the Big Five and many rarer species, such as cheetah or black rhino - The marine diversity of nearby Sodwana Bay offers exceptional scuba diving, fishing and seasonal turtle watching - The reserve is renowned for its pioneering conservation efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Madikwe boasts the Super Seven – adding cheetah and African wild dog to the famous Big Five - Rich in history, having seen the passage of the famed warrior Mzilikazi, Dr David Livingstone and Sir Cornwallis Harris - Embark on an excursion to the UNESCO Waterberg Biosphere Reserve; the only savannah biosphere reserve in Southern Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home to some of the country's most varied landscapes from the Karoo to the Transkei - Delight in exceptional elephant sightings at the Addo Elephant National Park, which boasts a massive population of around 450 - Unique opportunity to view marine life such as whales and great white sharks
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	Gateway Airport	Skukuza Airport / Kruger Mpumalanga Airport / Hoedspruit Airport / Lodge airstrips	Skukuza Airport / Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport / Lodge airstrips	Richards Bay Airport / King Shaka International Airport / Phinda airstrip	Madikwe Airstrip	Port Elizabeth Airport / East London Airport
	Trains	Luxury trains through providers such as Rovos Rail and The Blue Train, link principal destinations on routes such as Cape Town - Pretoria; Pretoria - Durban; Pretoria - Victoria Falls. A wonderfully relaxed way to take in the contrasting scenery.				
	Self Drive	South Africa has an excellent road network, making it an ideal destination for self-drive enthusiasts.				
Where to Stay*	\$\$\$	Karongwe River Lodge Imbali Safari Lodge Motswari Private Game Reserve Kapama River Lodge	Arathusa Safari Lodge		The Bush House	Samara Private Game Reserve Hill's Neck
	\$\$\$\$	Hamiltons Jock Safari Lodge Tintswalo &Beyond Ngala Safari Kambaku River Sands Kings Camp	Ulusaba Safari Lodge Savanna Game Reserve &Beyond Kirkman's Sabi Sabi Little Bush Lion Sands River Lodge Chitwa Chitwa	&Beyond Phinda Mountain lodge &Beyond Phinda Forest lodge &Beyond Phinda Zuka lodge	Tuningi Safari Lodge Jaci's Lodges Jamala Madikwe Madikwe Safari Lodge Makanyane Safari Lodge	Gorah Elephant Camp Amakhala Safari Lodge RiverBend Lodge Shamwari Game Reserve
	\$\$\$\$\$	Camp Jabulani Royal Malewane** Singita Lebombo & Sweni** &Beyond Ngala Tented Camp	Dulini Collection Lion Sands Narina Mala Mala Londolozi** Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge Singita Lodges**	&Beyond Phinda Rock lodge &Beyond Phinda Vlei lodge &Beyond Phinda Homestead	Mateya Safari Lodge Molori Safari Lodge	Kwandwe Private Game Reserve

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ACTIVITIES

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		KRUGER AND SURROUNDS	SABI SAND GAME RESERVE	&BEYOND PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE	MADIKWE GAME RESERVE AND WATERBERG	EASTERN CAPE GAME RESERVES	BEST KEPT SECRETS
SAFARI	Morning & afternoon game drives	●	○	○	○	●	Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get up-close-and-personal with rhino, while assisting in the conservation of this endangered species on a Rhino Notching Experience.
	Night game drives	●	○	○	○	○	
	Walking safaris	●	○	○	○	○	
	Photographic safaris	○	○	○	○	○	
	Specialist safaris	○	○	○	○	○	
	Elephant collaring	○		○			
	Rhino notching	○		○		○	
	Birdwatching	●	○	○	○	●	
ADVENTURE	Helicopter tours	○					&Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve offers a range of thrilling land and water adventures. In addition to morning and afternoon game walks, guests can enjoy a plethora of other adventures such as rhino tracking, Zulu village tours or turtle nest adventures.
	Deep-Sea fishing			○			
	Turtle trips			○			
	Horse-riding			○			
	Yacht/Boat cruises			○			
	Diving			○			
	Sleepout under the stars	○	○	○	○		
	Hot air ballooning	○					
	Golfing	○					
CULTURAL	Community, township & village tours	●		○		●	Discover South Africa's historical battlefields, before spotting the big five on the Battlefields, Bush and Beach Safari tour.
	Cultural interaction	●	○	○	○	●	
	Historic tours					●	
SPOIL	Shopping	●	○	○	○	●	Spoil yourself with a relaxing treatment on the deck of &Beyond Ngala Safari Lodge's luxury spa.
	Spa	●	○	○	○	●	
	Picnics	●	○	○	○	●	
GAME DRIVE CHECKLIST	Lion	●	○	○	○	●	Guests with special interests, which range beyond the usual twice-daily game drives (i.e. photographic, tracking, birding or even family-orientated), can enjoy a tailor-made safari, with a specialist guide.
	Leopard	●	○	○	○	●	
	Buffalo	●	○	○	○	●	
	Elephant	●	○	○	○	●	
	White rhino	●	○	○	○	●	
	Black rhino	●	○	○	○	●	
	Cheetah	●	○	○	○	●	
	African wild dog	●	○		○	●	

● National Park and Private Concession ○ Private Concession

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*	91°F	90°F	88°F	84°F	82°F	79°F	79°F	80°F	84°F	86°F	87°F	87°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*	70°F	69°F	59°F	59°F	50°F	42°F	42°F	47°F	55°F	60°F	64°F	67°F
RAIN FALL*	3.77"	3.6"	2.8"	1.3"	0.5"	0.3"	0.35"	0.27"	0.9"	1.3"	2.9"	3.3"
VALUE**	\$/\$\$^	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$	\$	\$/\$\$^

ACTIVITIES	TIMING												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
The ideal time for a tracking or walking safari is during winter when it's cooler in the middle of the day					●	●	●	●	●				
Summer is the best time for a photographic safari as landscapes are greener and watering holes fuller	●	●	●						●	●	●	●	
Although offered year-round, night drives are ideal during the summer months when evenings are warmer	●	●	●	●					●	●	●	●	
A Sleep Out Under The Stars at Phinda is best during winter when rain is less likely and there are fewer insects				●	●	●	●	●	●				
Hot air balloon safaris are ideal in winter when animals are easier to spot in the bush and there are less thermals					●	●	●	●	●				
Ideal time to dive the KwaZulu-Natal coast, when rainfall is low and ragged-tooth sharks are in residence				●	●	●	●	●	●				
WILDLIFE AND VEGETATION	The ideal time to view baby animals in the bush is during summer, usually at the start of the rainy season	●	●								●	●	
	Best game viewing as animals gather around waterholes and are easier to spot in the thinned-out bush					●	●	●	●	●			
	Year round birding , but if you want to see lots of birds then summer is best when the migrant birds return	●	●	●							●	●	●
	Best time to search for leatherback and loggerhead turtles is when they lay eggs or emerge from their nests	●										●	●
	To minimise stress on the animals, rhino notching is best done in the cooler weather of autumn and winter					●	●	●	●	●			

* Temperature and rainfall based on Skukuza, Kruger National Park. Source: SanParks.org. Climate varies regionally and according to altitude - measured in fahrenheit and inches.

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^ Peak rates apply over the Christmas and New Year period (from 20 December - 5 January).

ITINERARIES

MOST POPULAR



Waterfront, Winelands and Wildlife - 10 Days / 9 Nights

- 3 nights Cape Town
- 2 nights Franschhoek
- 4 nights Kruger National Park / surrounds

TIME-STARVED



South Africa Bush and Beach Safari - 7 Days / 6 Nights

- 3 nights &Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve
- 3 nights Umhlanga

REPEAT



Cape Winelands & Whale Coast Safari - 12 Days / 11 Nights

- 2 nights Cape Town
- 2 nights Franschhoek
- 2 nights Hermanus
- 2 nights Plettenberg Bay
- 3 nights Eastern Cape Game Reserve

IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



Add to Your Experience . . .

- 3 nights Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) via Johannesburg (OR Tambo Airport)

OR

- 3 nights Bazaruto Archipelago (Mozambique) via Johannesburg (OR Tambo Airport) or Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA)