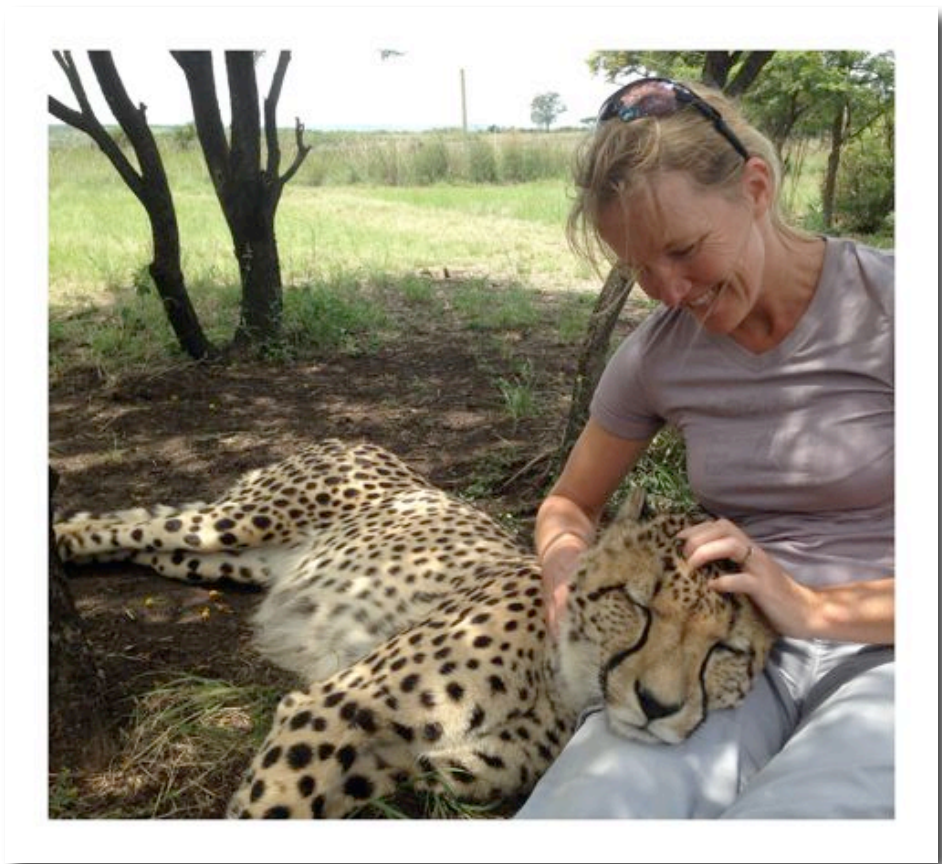


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Top 10 Of Everything Vacation Guide



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Sawabona (Hello in Zulu)

We hope you'll find this top 10 guide helpful when planning your first or next vacation to South Africa. We have lived in and travelled South Africa extensively and can truly say you are in for a life changing experience if this is your first visit to South Africa.

We have yet to find a tourist who has visited our beautiful country who has not found it an incredible experience and have been itching to book their next visit. It is a breathtakingly beautiful country that inspires, rejuvenates, and is pulsating with a mix of cultures and scenery. Where else in the world do you find a country called the rainbow nation with 11 official languages? South Africa truly lives up to its reputation of, a world in one country!

We are sure this guide and recommendations will help you make the best of your South African vacation.

Here's to an awesome South African Adventure

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Below are the "Top 10" of everything in South Africa.
Get ready to be blown away!

Top 10 Attractions

Not to miss when visiting South Africa



1. Exploring Cape Town & The Cape Peninsula
2. A visit to the Cape Winelands – Stellenbosh, Franschhoek & Paarl.
3. The Scenic Garden Route from Swellendam to Port Elizabeth and inland to Outshoorn.
4. Durban - Miles of beautiful beaches, warm seas, Africa vibe and adventure.
5. The Drakensburg – Spectacular Mountain range stretching 100's of kms. Amazing for hiking and hosts resorts with an array of sporting activities and spectacular mountain scenery.
6. The Kruger National Park – Get up close and personal with the big 5.
5. A visit to any private or National Game Park throughout South Africa will be wild, untamed and soul renewing.
7. The Blyde River Canyon and Surrounds - spectacular waterfalls and breathtaking scenery.
8. The Eastern Cape & Wild Coast. Known to boast some of the most beautiful natural coastline in the world.
9. The Kalahari & Namaqualand especially during the flower season.
10. A Cultural village and Township

Top 10 Adventure Activities In South Africa



1. Shark cave diving - Gansbaai
2. Bungi Jump off highest commercial Bungi jump in the World at Bloukrans bridge Eastern Cape & Wild 5 at Oribi Gorge, KZN South Coast
3. Paraglide off Lions Head, Sky Diving in Citrusdaal and Paragliding in Bulwer, KZN.
4. Diving with the Sharks at Aliwal Shoal – KZN south Coast or at Sodwana Bay.
5. Canopy Top Forest tours in Tsitsikamma Forest, Western Cape or Drakensburg KwaZulu Natal.
6. Surfing at Jeffrey's Bay and Kite Surfing at Dolphin's Beach Cape Town.
7. Sea Kayaking in False Bay, Cape Town and Plettenburg Bay
8. Walk with the Wild animals in Kruger National Park & Umfolozi Game Reserves.
9. Kloofing (climbing and jumping down waterfalls) in Suicide Gorge, Riviersonderend Western Cape
10. White water Rafting on the Tugela, Doring, Orange River or in the Blyde River Canyon.

Top 10 Attractions - Cape Town



1. Table Mountain
2. The Atlantic Seaboard beaches – Llandudno, Camps Bay & Clifton
3. The Victoria & Alfred Waterfront
4. Cape Point
5. Chapman's Peak Drive
6. Visit the Penguins at Boulders Beach – Simons Town
7. Kirstenbosch Gardens
8. Hout Bay Mariners wharf & visit to Seal Island
9. Visit to the Gardens, City & Markets , Cape of Good Hope Castle & Bo Kaap
10. Trip to Robben Island & Sunset cruises departing from V&A waterfront



Top 10 Attractions - Durban



1. uShaka Marine world
2. Durban Beachfront stretching 5km from uShaka Marine world to Suncoast beach – Miles of wide open beaches, warm seas and top surfing spots
3. The Durban Harbour – Harbour Tour from Wilson's Wharf
4. Valley of 1000 hills tour and Zulu Dancing
5. Moses Mabhida Soccer Stadium – Stadium tours, vernacular ride & wild swing
6. Visit to Ballito – beautiful beaches and coastline
7. Visit to Natal Midlands - Meander through craft shops, restaurants and beautiful scenery
8. Gateway Entertainment Complex - Umhlanga
9. Umhlanga Beachfront
10. Victoria Street Markets



Top 10 Attractions – Garden Route

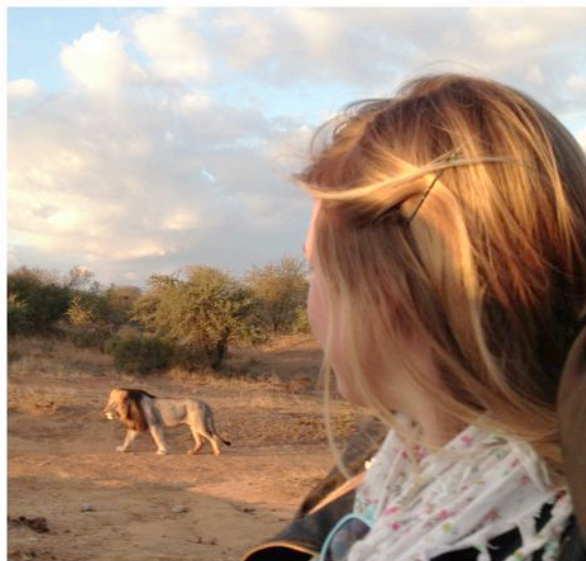


1. Spectacular Limestone formations at the Cango Caves and visit the Ostrich farms in Outshoorn
2. Whales, dolphins and seals viewed all year round (especially at Hermanaus)
3. World class golf courses such as Fancourt, Pezulu and Pinnacle Point
4. Explore Knysna "the jewel of the Garden Route"
5. Canopy tours and Exploring the lush Tsitsikamma and Knysna Forest
6. Bungee jumping, abseiling, paragliding & hiking throughout the region
7. Surfing at the world famous Jeffery's Bay
8. Exploring Beautiful Plettenburg bay
9. Storms River Mouth
10. Stunning coastline, mountain ranges and coastal villages throughout the region

Top 10 Attractions – Mpumalanga



1. The Kruger National Park
2. Blyde River Canyon
3. Pilgrims Rest
4. Stunning Waterfalls & Forests in Graskop and Sabie District
5. Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre
6. Bourke's Luck potholes and God's window
7. Private Game Reserves situated in the Sabie Sands Game Reserve
8. Mpumalanga Trout Fishing – Dullstroom area
9. Sudwala Caves
10. Birding in Wakkerstroom District



Top 10 Attractions – Gauteng



1. Soweto township, museum & cycle tours
2. DeWildt Cheetah centre
3. Rosebank & Sandton shopping district
4. Gold reef city theme Park
5. The Cradle of humankind world heritage site
6. Union Buildings – Pretoria
7. Lion park - Johannesburg
8. Cheetah research & Breeding centre - Pretoria
9. National Zoological Gardens of South Africa – Pretoria
10. Visit to Sun City & Pilansberg Game Reserve.



Top 10 Safety Tips

Valuable Tips to keep in mind when visiting South Africa



1. Always plan your route before you travel.
2. Don't stop on freeways or roads to check directions, rather pull over at the next service station. Keep your doors locked and windows closed at all times when driving.
3. Try look as local as possible. Walking around with expensive jewellery, bulging money belts and loaded with cameras makes you a target for suspecting criminals
4. Never travel alone. It is always better to explore cities or surrounding countryside in groups and in safe reliable transport. Stay away from lonely areas, bus or train stations and city centres late at night.
5. Don't travel with large sums of cash. Using a credit or debit card is the best recommended method of payment.
6. Always remember to keep copies of all your credit card numbers, travel documents, drivers' license and receipts for valuables you have with you in a safe place. Keep these documents separate from you.
7. Always keep an eye on what is going on around you, be observant, hold on to your personal belongings and never leave them unattended. Your personal belongings are most likely to be taken when you not paying attention e.g. on the beach, in a movie, at a restaurant, shopping centre or tourist attraction.
8. Don't hitchhike or use local transport, rather hire a car or use tourist buses.
9. In the event of you being approached by a criminal don't put up a fuss or be the next Rambo. Quickly give them what they are asking for and avoid eye contact. Your possessions are insured. Most injuries happen when the suspect resists. Report the incident at the closest police station.
10. If you suspect that you are being followed go immediately to a busy area. If driving, drive to a safe busy area.

Top 10 Birding Sites

Where the serious birders go to experience the best South Africa has to offer in birdlife



1. Langebaan Lagoon – Western Cape
2. Ndumu Game Reserve, Kwa Zulu Natal
3. Mkuze Game Reserve – Kwa Zulu Natal
4. Nylsvlei, Limpopo Province
5. Wakkerstroom, Mpumalanga
6. Sabie River, Kruger National Park
7. Pafuri, Kruger National Park
8. Pelagic Birds, off Cape town
9. Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, Northern Cape
10. Karoo National Park, Western Cape



Top 10 Game Reserves – National & Private Best Wild Places.

Experience the wildness of South Africa and its wildlife
at these top game reserves



1. Kruger National Park
2. Private Game Parks in the Sabie Sand Private Game Reserve – Mpumalanga
3. Phinda Private Game Reserve – KZN
4. Kwandwe Private Game Reserve – Eastern Cape
5. Kgalagadi National Park – Northern Cape
6. Hluhluwe/Umfolozi National Park - KZN
7. Mkuze National Park - KZN
8. Madikwe Game Reserve – Northern Province
9. Ndumu & Thembe National Park - KZN
10. Addo Elephant Park – Eastern Cape

Top 10 Camping and Caravanning Spots

Breath-taking spots for those who love the outdoor life



1. Storms River Mouth Camp – Western Cape
2. Cape Vidal – Kwa Zulu Natal
3. Keurbooms River Mouth – Plettenburg Bay
4. Ebb & Flow – Wilderness – Western Cape
5. Mahai Camp – Royal National Park – Kwa Zulu Natal
6. Glen Reenen – Golden Gate National Park – Free State
7. Double Mouth Morgan's bay – Eastern Cape
8. Camp sites in Kruger National Park
9. Victoria Bay – Western Cape
10. Richtersveld – Western Cape

Top 10 Dive Sites

The Best and Most popular dive sites in
South Africa



1. Sodwana Bay – Maputaland
2. Rocktail Bay - Maputaland
3. Aliwal Shoal – KZN South Coast
4. Mbibi – Maputaland
5. Protea Banks – KZN South Coast
6. Smitswinkel Bay Wrecks – False Bay
7. Tstsikamma Snorkel Trail – Storms river Mouth Eastern Cape
8. Cathedral Rocks – False Bay
9. Shallow and Deep Blinders – Plettenburg Bay
10. Cape Vidal – Snorkelling – Maputaland

Top 10 Cultural Sites

The Best Places for those seeking to experience South African Culture



1. Sterkfontein Caves – Gauteng
2. Robben Island – Western Cape
3. The Castle of Good Hope – Western Cape
4. The Grahamstown Art Festival – Eastern Cape
5. Natal Battlefields & Isandlwana/Rorke's Drift – Kwa Zulu Natal
6. District Six – Western Cape
7. Maitjiesfontein – Western Cape
8. Clarens – Free State
9. Township Tours – Soweto & Western Cape
10. The Union Buildings – Gauteng



Top 10 Fishing Spots

Where the Big ones lurk



1. Sodwana Bay – Kwa Zulu Natal
2. PongolaPoort Dam – Kwa Zulu Natal
3. Hout Bay – Cape town
4. Dullstroom Dam Nature Reserve – Mpumalanga
5. Cape St Francis – Eastern Cape
6. Coffee Bay – Eastern Cape
7. Protea Reef – KwaZulu Natal
8. Kalk Bay Harbour – Cape Town
9. Groenvlei Dam – Eastern Cape
10. Umkomaas – KwaZulu Natal



Top 10 Family Destinations



1. Umgazi River Bungalows, Eastern Cape
2. Pumula Beach Hotel, KZN South Coast
3. The Cavern, KwaZulu Natal
4. Crystal Springs Mountain Lodge, Mpumalanga
5. Umhlanga Sands – KwaZulu Natal
6. Aventura Blydepoort, Mpumalanga
7. River Rafting – Northern Cape
8. Fairways , Drakensburg Gardens or Cathedral Peak Hotel– KwaZulu Natal
9. Beacon Isle & Keurbooms Plettenburg Bay
10. Sabie River Bungalows – Hazyview, Mpumalanga



Top 10 Beaches – South Africa



1. Cape Town beaches – Clifton, Camps Bay, Llundudno & Noordhoek
2. Gaansbaai – Western Cape
3. Jeffreys Bay – Eastern Cape
4. Grotto Beach – Hermanus, Western Cape
5. Humewood Beach – Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape
6. Any Beach along the Wild Coast – Eastern Cape :-Coffee Bay, Umngazi, Wavecrest, Hole in the Wall, Mdumbe Beach
7. Margate, Ramsgate & Port Edward Beaches – South Coast, KwaZulu Natal
8. Any Beach along Durban Golden Mile – uShaka, North & South Beach, Suncoast beach
9. Any beach along the Umhlanga Promenade, North Coast KwaZulu Natal
10. Willard Beach, Ballito, North Coast, KwaZulu Natal



I Hope You Find this Top 10 South Africa Vacation Guide helpful.



South Africa beckons ...

It offers you so much to revive and restore your soul.
From the heights of Table Mountain to the desert flats of the
Kalahari, the mighty peaks of the Drakensburg, the wild
animals roaming free in untamed game reserves and the miles
and miles of unspoilt beaches.

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