



Inspiring new ways



Safari in South Africa remains a top tourist attraction

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South Africa has nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites, areas that have been given special international status for their unique qualities. If you are interested in culture and nature or history, then you may well want to plan a visit to at least one of these unique sites: Robben Island, Khomani Cultural Landscape, Drakensberg Mountains and the Cradle of Humankind are our suggestions for this edition.

CRADLE OF HUMANKIND

Located 40 minutes away from Johannesburg, the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site is one of Gauteng province's attractions. The Maropeng Visitor Centre & Sterkfontein Caves are the two prime sites to learn about the appearing of mankind and its evolution, a journey that began 4 billion years ago when the planet started shaping.

More information:

<http://www.thecradleofhumankind.net/>





ROBBEN ISLAND

A former leper colony, mental hospital and a base for military training, Robben Island World Heritage Site is nowadays famous for having been the prison for anti-apartheid activists, among them former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. The “struggle university”, as it was known, held captive some of the greatest leaders that conducted South Africa to democracy. Mandela spent there 18 of his 27 years in prison.

More information: <http://www.robben-island.org.za>

DRAKENSBERG

KwaZulu-Natal's 200km-long escarpment with peaks that exceed 3 000m (the Berg – as it's more commonly known) forms the backbone of the Maloti-Drakensberg mountain range. Located between the Kingdom of Lesotho and South Africa, it is a biodiverse wonderland of river valleys, mountain streams, rugged cliffs, hiking trails and stunning scenery that attracts thousands of tourists, mainly from December to February.

More information: <http://www.drakensberg.org.za/>



KHOMANI CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

The area in the southern Kalahari, bordered in the east by Botswana and the west by Namibia, is where you will find a small group of the Khomani San a people who, until recently, were thought to have vanished. The #Khomani Cultural Landscape bears testimony to the way of life that prevailed in the region and shaped the site over thousands of years.

More information: <http://www.khomanisan.com/>

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA – JUNE 2018



FIRE AND FEAST FESTIVAL

When: 8-10 June 2018

Where: Ticketpro Dome, Johannesburg

More information: www.fireandfeast.co.za

The Fire and Feast Meat Festival, presented by Crown National, runs for its second year in Johannesburg. Visitors learn new ways to prepare meat from butchers with some of the country's chefs on hand to demonstrate cooking techniques using a variety of modern utensils.



WILDFEES FESTIVAL

When: 29 Jun – 1 July 2018

Where: Kirkwood, Eastern Cape

More information: www.wildfees.co.za

More than 30 of the country's top stars and local artists will be going wild in the Karoo on the Eastern Cape's biggest and best outdoor stage over the weekend of the SPAR Kirkwood Wildfees.



KNYSNA OYSTER FESTIVAL

When: 29 Jun – 8 July 2018

Where: Knysna

More information: www.oysterfestival.co.za/

The Knysna Oyster Festival is a popular sport and lifestyle festival in South Africa with over a hundred events taking place over ten days. Oyster enthusiasts, fitness fanatics and lovers of the good life, diarise these dates now and start planning the best 10 days of your winter!



MORE EVENTS

- Silver Mountain Music Festival(14-17 June)
www.silvermountainmusic.co.za
- Calitzdorp Port & Wine Festival (15-17June)
www.calitzdorpwinterfestival.co.za/
- Boston Gay Men's Chorus Live (22 June) www.triangle.org.za
- Taste of Tygervalley Wine Festival (29-30 June)
www.tygervalley.co.za

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