

South Africa

Inspiring new ways



Safari in South Africa remains a top tourist attraction

July 2018

2018 marks the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela. This provides a unique opportunity for people around the world to reflect on his life to promote his legacy. He was a magnificent human being, an extraordinary man, a South African hero and leader and one of the greatest personalities of the 20th Century. Mandela was born into the Xhosa royal family on 18 July 1918 and died on 5 December 2013. In order to pay homage to this truly remarkable member of Humanity, we dedicate this edition to Madiba. Thus, we suggest a trip to some of the places where he lived and passed by, which have become sites of interest, highlights in the recent South African history.

ROBBEN ISLAND, Western Cape
The “struggle university”, as it was known, held captive some of the greatest leaders that conducted South Africa to democracy, among them former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. It’s South Africa’s *Statue of Liberty*. The visitors may visit the cell where the world’s most famous prisoner spent 18 of his 27 years in prison.

More information: www.robben-island.org.za/





MANDELA'S HOUSE, Soweto, Gauteng
The number 8115, Vilakazi Street in Soweto is one of the most famous addresses in South Africa. It's the house where Nelson Mandela lived for 12 years with his first wife Evelyn during the apartheid regime. Vilakazi Street is also known for being the only street in the world where two Nobel Peace prize winners lived: Madiba and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Renovated and transformed into a museum, it was declared a National Monument in 1999.

More information: <http://mandelahouse.com/>

SITE OF MANDELA'S CAPTURE, KwaZulu-Natal

On 5 August 1962, the police ordered a vehicle to stop on a secondary road in the KZN Province. Although disguised as a chauffeur, Mandela was sighted and imprisoned that day. A series of events followed which culminated in the Rivonia Trial and his incarceration for 27 years. This place is signalled today by an iron sculpture which creates an optical illusion: from far the 50 vertical bars don't have any significance, but at a distance of 35m they recreate Mandela's face.

More information: www.apartheidmuseum.org/



NELSON MANDELA VOTING LINE SCULPTURE, Eastern Cape

To walk through the beautiful work of sculpture *Voting Line* in Port Elizabeth will allow you to experience the true sense of the rainbow nation. The many metal figures that represent all the communities in the country which voted peacefully on 27 April 1994, are present in the 38 m long piece. It depicts South Africans of all shapes and sizes who together gave birth to the new South Africa. At the end is Mandela with his raised fist, celebrating the victory of freedom and equality.

More information:

<http://mandela.southafrica.net/map/view/nelson-mandela-voting-line-sculpture>

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA – JULY 2018



STELLENBOSCH INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

When: 1-15 July 2018

Where: Stellenbosch, Western Cape

More information: www.sicmf.co.za

Classical music lovers, the Stellenbosch International Chamber Music Festival is back at Stellenbosch University. Heralded as the biggest event of its kind on the African continent, the festival focuses on classical orchestral performances and public classes led by acclaimed and award-winning local and global musicians.



WINTER FEST

When: 2 – 17 July 2018

Where: Jeffrey's Bay, Eastern Cape

More information: www.jbaywinterfest.com/

The JBay Winterfest 2018, will be an exciting and action-packed two weeks for the town of Jeffreys Bay.

This year the exciting news is that the World Surf League Women's Tour will be in town and surfing in the Corona Open JBay.



TURBINE ART FAIR

When: 12-15 July 2018

Where: Newtown, Gauteng

More information: www.turbineartfair.co.za/

The annual Turbine Art Fair is back. Don't miss it at Turbine Hall in Johannesburg. The art fair is a platform for galleries, curators and others in the arts to promote new artists and galleries, as well as established ones.



MORE EVENTS

- ☒ World Choir Games (4-14 July)
www.interkultur.com/events/world-choir-games/tshwane-2018/
- ☒ Berg River Canoe Marathon (11-14 July)
<http://berg.org.za/>
- ☒ Franschhoek Bastille Festival (14-15 July)
www.franschhoekbastille.co.za/
- ☒ Soetes & Sop (21 - 22 July)
<http://breedekloof.com/>

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