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We enjoy surprising you with new and varied suggestions in South Africa; and it's not even a hard task as the country is hugely diverse, not only in landscapes but also in culture and history. We like to say that South Africa is the rainbow nation, the world in one single country. In this edition our proposals range from parachute jumps, to safaris in malaria free regions, passing by the Zulu Cultural Museum, the famous Shaka king, through the famous Cape Agulhas. This is the name given by the Portuguese navigators in the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the spot where the two oceans meet.

### **KwaZulu Cultural Museum**

It is believed that Nomkhubulwana, the Princess of Rain, revealed the secret of traditional beer brewing to the Zulu people, and that white cattle are associated with ancestral spirits, representing purity and fertility. The great empire builder King Shaka banned early marriage to ensure his warriors kept their focus on matters of war, and love letters during courtship took the form of colour symbolism in beadwork.

These are some of the interesting facts the visitor learns at the KwaZulu Cultural Museum in Ondini near Ulundi, which falls into the eMakhosini Valley, the valley of Zulu Kings.

More information: <http://www.zulu-museum.co.za>





The **Cederberg Mountains** are home to dramatic sandstone formations like the *Maltese Cross* and the *Wolfberg Arch* and rich plant and animal life. These mountains are a great destination for rock climbers, hikers and those interested in rock art such as the magnificent San rock paintings. The range is situated about 200km from Cape Town and this area offers plenty of space and tranquility, which includes swimming in rock pools as well as visiting a rooibos tea farm.

More information: <http://www.cedheroute.co.za>

**Cape Agulhas** is the southern most point in the African continent, located in the Overberg region of the Western Cape, about 170 km from Cape Town. *Cape Agulhas* received its name from the Portuguese navigators that passed through there around the year 1500. Later, due to French influence the Cape's name had a slight alteration to *L'Agulhas*. The lighthouse at Cape Agulhas (one of the oldest in South Africa) is an additional marker indicating the official dividing line between the two oceans. The region is well known for its natural beauty, where beaches with pristine sands abound, cozy bays and a salt water lagoon. During Spring and Summer one can see Southern Right whales from the shore.

More information: [www.discovercapeagulhas.co.za](http://www.discovercapeagulhas.co.za)



### **Kwa Maritane**

Situated in the slopes of an ancient volcano of the North West Province, the KwaMaritane resort is conveniently located near Johannesburg, within a malaria free area. Amidst the lodge's peacefulness, the guests are able to enjoy the true bush experience (such as dining at Boma) as well as an unforgettable African safari in the Pilanesberg National Park.

More information: <http://www.kwamaritane.co.za>



### **Skydiving in the Waterberg, Limpopo**

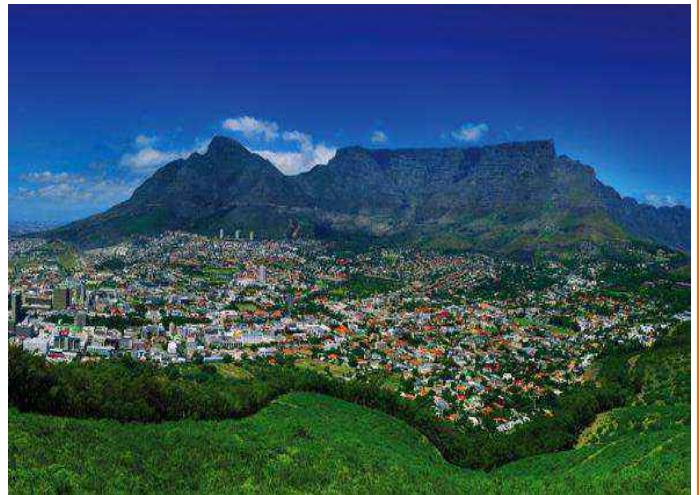
There can be few better ways to enjoy the lush greenery and spectacular scenery of Limpopo's Waterberg region than leaping out of a plane and skydiving toward it from thousands of metres in the air. Feel the surge of adrenalin as you step out of a light aircraft and float on a cushion of air, surrounded by nothing but blue sky. The tandem skydive is the safest way to experience the adventure of a lifetime and experienced instructors are on hand to take care of you every step of the way from the Modimolle airport.

More information: <http://www.para.co.za/>

### **Cape Town**

Cape Town was once again awarded a distinction from the *Lonely Planet* guide as one of the Top 10 cities to travel in 2014. Having conquered the honored 3rd place, after Paris and Trinidad (Cuba) and in front of Riga or Zurique, the city positions itself as one of the places which presents good conditions and unarguable beauty for tourists all year round. In 2014, Cape Town will be the **World Design Capital**.

More information: <http://www.capetown.travel/>



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