



August 2015

Winter is at its peak in Southern Africa and August is one of the coldest months in South Africa. Still, the temperatures are generally warmish and in the Indian coast they are usually fairly high. Why not take advantage of the low season and enjoy a more relaxing holiday, far from the buzz and at a more affordable price? You can go on the safari you always dreamed of and see the famous Big Five or have the chance to do whale watching from land in Hermanus, for instance. Enjoy your vacations!

Hermanus- Whale watching.

From June to November, the Southern Right whales can be seen along the southern Cape coast, making this the perfect time of the year for the whale watching trip. You don't need to be on a boat to watch them, because Hermanus, with its panoramic view to Walker Bay, is considered the best spot in the world to whale watching from land. These Southern Right whales often come close to the shore, sometimes within a few meters from the beach.

More information: www.hermanus.co.za/whales.asp





The BIG FIVE

This is one of the main reasons for South Africa's splendid appeal: the safari to view the Big Five. They are: the lion, the elephant, the buffalo, the rhinoceros and the leopard. This expression has travelled in time since the beginning of the great hunts in Africa, during the 19th and into the 20th Centuries, but now it has acquired a different meaning. Now, at the safari, one can only look or shoot... photos. It's almost a rite of passage while in Africa.

More information: www.southafrica.net/za/en/landing/visitor-home

Winelands

South Africa produces wines since 1659. Since then, the wine producing region has expanded to become one of the most well known quality wine producing regions in the world, outside Europe. We heartily invite you to try the marvellous *pinotage*, a superb South African grape variety, amidst the magnificent Winelands landscape setting. We highlight Stellenbosch, Paarl, Worschester and Groot Constantia.

More information: www.winelands.co.za



Table Mountain and Cape Town

Towering 1.086 m above Cape Town, this is the best reference for the city. This imposing mountain, flat on top like a table, is an absolute must to visit in the *mother city*. The visitor should be well aware of the weather conditions beforehand and seize the day in which it isn't covered by the towel (the cloud that surrounds it) to go up by the cable car so that he/she can enjoy a breathtaking view of the sea as well as of this beautiful city with Robben Island (Nelson Mandela's prison) at a distance. Since 2012 it's one of the 7 Natural Wonders.

More information: www.capetown.travel/attractions/entry/table_mountain_cableway

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA – AUGUST 2015



CLANWILLIAM WILD FLOWER SHOW

When: 28 August – 6 September 2015

Where: Clanwilliam

More information: www.clanwilliamflowerfestival.co.za

Showcasing the inimitable flora exclusive to the Clanwilliam district while also raising public awareness on conservation issues, the Clanwilliam Wild Flower Show has become a standing tradition for flower fanatics since 1972. This is indisputably the first must-see of the floral fantasy land the region transforms into.



THE GREATEST TRAIN RACE

When: 22 August 2015

Where: Witbank

More information: www.gtr.co.za

In 1987 the Rotary Club of Coalfields launched the first relay event against a steam train on the private Amcoal line. Now the largest community event in the country, where a carnival atmosphere greets you at the finish where all finishers receive a medal.



ROBERTSON SLOW

When: 7 – 10 August 2015

Where: Robertson

More information: www.robertsonslow.co.za

Only 90 minutes drive from Cape Town why not take the time to head out to the country and enjoy the simple pleasures in life... slowly? At Robertson Slow, one can sample honest, old-fashioned, rural hospitality synonymous with the Robertson Wine Valley's winemaking community.



MORE EVENTS

- ☑ Hermanus Wine & Food Fair (7-9 Aug) www.winevillage.co.za
- ☑ Klein Karoo Klassique (13 – 16 Aug) www.klassique.co.za
- ☑ Bathurst Country Affair (8-9 Aug) www.bathurstcountryaffair.co.za
- ☑ East Rand Motor Show (1 Aug) www.eastrandmotorshow.co.za
- ☑ Cape Homemakers Expo (27-30 Aug) www.homemakersonline.co.za

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