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South Africa is known for its diverse wildlife, unique cultures and scenic beauty. Along with our open plains, rugged bush and expansive beaches, there are also some spectacular mountain views. Table Mountain, one of the icons of Cape Town, is probably the most well know one, but South Africa has other beautiful mountains with breathtaking views and unique photo opportunities. That will be the focus of this newsletter: the beautiful mountains of South Africa. Take a look!

### LION'S HEAD

The Lion's Head formation next to Table Mountain is not as famous as its big sister, but the view from Table Mountain over the city of Cape Town is dominated by its presence. A must see in the Mother city.

More information:

<http://www.southafrica.net/za/en/posts/entry/mountains-of-south-africa>





### **Golden Gate**

You will find the Golden Gate Highlands National Park situated in the rolling foothills of the Maluti mountains in the Eastern Cape. They are renowned for their massive, colourful sandstone formations, wooded ravines, indigenous grasslands, all under wonderful sunshine sky.

More information:

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### **THE DRAKENSBERG**

The "Dragon Mountains" is the name given to the eastern portion of the Great Escarpment, which encloses the central Southern African plateau. The Drakensberg stretches for over 1 000 <sup>2</sup> km, in the provinces of the Eastern Cape, Free State and Kwazulu-Natal. The most northerly peak in this section is Cathedral Peak with a height of 3004 meters.

More information:

[www.southafrica.net/za/en/posts/entry/mountains-of-south-africa](http://www.southafrica.net/za/en/posts/entry/mountains-of-south-africa)



### **TABLE MOUNTAIN**

Cape Town's famous Table Mountain needs little introduction. This photograph was taken from Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town, which is famous as the location where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for many years.

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## FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA – MAY 2015



### GUGULETHU WINE FESTIVAL

**When:** 29 – 30 May 2015

**Where:** Gugulethu

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

Come and be part of the TOPS Gugulethu Wine Festival for an evening of wine, music, food and education! Visitors can delight in tasting a multitude of wine styles and cultivars; interact with lifestyle brands in wine lounges and explore a wide variety of tastes.



### COMRADES MARATHON

**When:** 31 May 2015

**Where:** Pietermaritzburg

**More information:** [www.comrades.com](http://www.comrades.com)

It's the world's greatest ultra-marathon, 89 km long, is a South African institution, internationally recognised for the body-sapping challenge and the camaraderie among its thousands of participants. Run between Pietermaritzburg and Durban, the race alternates annually between the up run from Durban and the down run from Pietermaritzburg.



### LANGEBAAN LAGOON CELEBRATION

**When:** 1 – 2 May 2015

**Where:** Langebaan

**More information:** [www.capewestcoast.org](http://www.capewestcoast.org)

The Langebaan Lagoon Celebration takes place in an idyllic setting on the shore of the Langebaan Lagoon, alongside the West Coast National Park. This is a family friendly festival with a wide variety of watersports and our rich cultural heritage make this the ideal place to visit.



### MORE EVENTS

- ☑ Riebeeek Valley Olive Festival (2-3 May) [www.riebeeekvalley.info](http://www.riebeeekvalley.info)
- ☑ Franschoek Literary Festival (15-17 May) [www.flf.co.za](http://www.flf.co.za)
- ☑ Greyton Genadendal Classics for All (29-31 May) [www.greytonclassicmusicfestival.co.za](http://www.greytonclassicmusicfestival.co.za)
- ☑ Knysna Speed Festival (15-17 May) [www.speedfestival.co.za](http://www.speedfestival.co.za)
- ☑ Indaba (9-11 May) [www.indaba-southafrica.co.za](http://www.indaba-southafrica.co.za)
- ☑ Rustenburg Show (23-31 May) [www.allevents.in/rustenburg/all](http://www.allevents.in/rustenburg/all)

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