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The Immigration Law - Immigration Act 2002 – related to the entry of minors (less than 18 years of age) in South Africa, has been modified, with the intent of better protecting the rights and safety of minors and to diminish the risk of child trafficking. These regulations apply to passengers that enter, exit or are in transit, and come into effect from 1st June 2015. (We supply additional information about these new rules below). As we decided to tackle this theme, we dedicate this edition to children, with some tourism choices specially dedicated to the little ones. It's so good for the family to travel together and create wonderful memories!

New regulations for minors to travel to South Africa

The Immigration Law was revised in order to better protect the safety of minors and consequently reduce child trafficking. As such, we suggest that you consult our consular services relating to one of these situations:

1. For minors travelling with their parents;
2. If the minor is travelling with one of the parents;
3. If the minor is travelling alone;
4. Adult travelling with a minor that is not his child.

More information: lisbon.consular@dirco.gov.za





Safari for children

Not all resorts allow children in their safaris. It's important to know which ones are prepared to accept children and have programmes specially adapted to their interests – for example, it's frequently necessary to be older than 10/12 to be able to be included in the safari. We also suggest the *malaria free lodges*, i.e., areas where there is no malaria and therefore no prophylactic medication is needed. There are plenty parks in South Africa with programmes for kids. Here are some suggestions: Riverdene Lodge at Shamwari Game Reserve, Jaci's Lodges at Madikwe Game Reserve, Londolozi Game Lodge, Kapama River Lodge, Ulusaba Game Lodge

More information: www.south-african-lodges.com/page/kids-on-safari/

Sun City

Situated some 200 kms from Johannesburg, *Sun City Resort* is the perfect site for a family vacation. Here, children and youths have a wide offer to explore and have fun. Besides the water park, including the pool with waves, an area for games and a huge outdoor area for all kinds of activities, Sun City offers yet unique experiences such as visiting *Kwena Gardens*, where one can interact with reptiles and even handle baby crocodiles, the safari on elephant back and horse rides. The neighbouring Pilanesberg Reserve also allows safaris able to view the *Big Five*, in a malaria free zone.

More information: www.sun-city-south-africa.com/



Whale watching

After a safari or a fun park, we suggest contact with marine wildlife. The quaint village of Hermanus, some 100 km from Cape Town, is one of the best areas to view whales in South Africa between June and December. Hermanus is an ideal place for a family day outing: quiet and pleasant, has various sites for take away family meals at good prices, and besides observing these huge mammals from the coast, the little ones can visit the Whale Museum and get better acquainted with this fabulous universe.

More information: www.hermanus.co.za

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA – October 2014



BERG & BEACH TRAIL RUN

When: 4 - 5 October 2014

Where: Hermanus

More information: www.trailrunning.co.za

The Berg & Beach Trail Run is a 23km Coast / beach and 27km Mountain trail run completed over two days. The run takes place during the Southern Right Whale breeding season, so you are bound to see them close inshore during the run.



BIERFEST SANDTON

When: 17 – 26 October 2014

Where: Fourways

More information: www.bierfest.co.za

Closely resembling the Oktoberfest in Munich, Bierfest in Sandton promises to be an authentic Bavarian Brauhaus festival, complete with ba limited edition beers brewed exclusively for the event, German food and even Oompah bands!



INTERNATIONAL ORIENTAL DANCE FESTIVAL

When: 24 – 26 October 2014

Where: Cape Town

More information: www.iodfcapetown.com

This is a charity event in aid of the Saartjie Baartman Centre for (abused) Women and Children. Performers, both local and international will feed your senses with the most beautiful kind of dance you've ever seen!



MORE EVENTS

- ☑ Cape Town International Boat Show (10-12Oct) www.boatshow.co.za
- ☑ Robertsons Wine on the River (17-19 Oct) www.wineonriver.com
- ☑ Beaver Rally (31Oct-2 Nov) www.imoc.co.za
- ☑ Karoo-lus (3-4 Oct) www.karoolus.co.za
- ☑ Sports & Events Tourism Exchange (28-30 Oct) www.exsa.com.za
- ☑ National Arts Festival (7-11 Oct) www.nationalartsfestival.co.za

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