



*Inspiring new ways*



**May 2014**

This edition marks the beginning of a new format for our newsletter. As from May, our publication will incorporate, in the same document, our travel suggestions as well as the highlights of the events calendar for the respective month. Our purpose is to make your consultation easier and to improve the work of the travel agents, saving them time and energy. Furthermore, we are all well aware of the problem with e-mail inboxes filled to the brim...Thus, this May edition has a new cover photo to mark this new phase. This month we present exciting proposals for Cape Town: what can one do during a 1 day stay? Take a peek at our suggestions...

### **Cape of Good Hope**

It received its name from King John II, King of Portugal and it is connected to Bartholomew Dias' maritime discovery travels in 1488. This is one of the most striking marks of the Portuguese presence in this part of the world and an absolutely unforgettable experience for all who visit it. It belongs to the Cape Point Natural Reserve, it is part of the Table Mountain Natural Park and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2004.

Mais informação:

[www.sanparks.org/parks/table\\_mountain/tourism/attractions.php#goohope](http://www.sanparks.org/parks/table_mountain/tourism/attractions.php#goohope)





## 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.

Mais informação: [www.winelands.co.za](http://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.

Mais informação:

[www.capetown.travel/attractions/entry/table\\_mountain\\_cableway](http://www.capetown.travel/attractions/entry/table_mountain_cableway)



## Whale watching

The Cape Whales Route offers the visitor a vast variety of places to explore where one can, from land, marvel at these enormous mammals. This is guaranteed to be an extraordinary and unforgettable experience for the whole family. Betty's Bay, Kleinmond, Pringle Bay, Stanford or Gansbaai are some of the places where you can enjoy the humpback whales - some weighing more than 30 tons - but it is in Hermanus that the sighting tradition is the strongest, between June and October.

Mais informação:

<http://www.southafrica.net/za/en/articles/entry/article-cape-coast-whale-route>





## FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA – May 2014



### FOOTPRINTS FESTIVAL

**When:** 30 May - 1 June 2014

**Where:** Morgans Bay

**More Information:** [www.morganbay.co.za](http://www.morganbay.co.za)

This year's first Footprints Festival promises to be great fun for all the family and will highlight the rich ecology, culture and heritage of the Wild Coast. Activities will include a daily craft market, circus acts, art exhibitions, yoga classes, beach activities and pony rides. Evening entertainment will include movies under the stars, an opera evening and more.



### SOWETO FASHION WEEK

**When:** 28 - 31 May 2014

**Where:** Soweto

**More Information:** [www.sowetofashionweek.com](http://www.sowetofashionweek.com)

After the worldwide explosion of this prestigious event, Soweto Fashion week is back again! This year we have twelve carefully selected designers, who will have to impress and show South Africa how high their talent soars



### THE WINTER SCULPTURE FAIR

**When:** 10 -11 May 2014

**Where:** Cradle of Mankind

**More Information:** [www.wintersculpturefair.co.za](http://www.wintersculpturefair.co.za)

Visitors can enjoy an exhibition of beautifully sculptured contemporary pieces at the Winter Sculpture Fair which will take place in the surroundings of a private nature reserve in the Cradle of Human Kind, Gauteng. Top chefs and winemakers will turn out delicious foods and tasteful wines to cater to all your cravings and wishes.



### MORE EVENTS

- ☒ Polokwane Show & Music Festival (28 - 31 May) [www.polokwaneshow.co.za](http://www.polokwaneshow.co.za)
- ☒ Cape Town Big Band Jazz festival (28 - 31 May) [www.ctbigbandjazzfest.co.za](http://www.ctbigbandjazzfest.co.za)
- ☒ Kysna Speed Festival (16 - 18 May) [www.speedfestival.co.za](http://www.speedfestival.co.za)
- ☒ The Royal Show (23 May - 1 June) [www.royalshow.co.za](http://www.royalshow.co.za)
- ☒ Kamberg Trout Festival (29 - 31 May) [www.kambergtroutfestival.co.za](http://www.kambergtroutfestival.co.za)
- ☒ Celtic Fest (16 - 18 May) [www.celticfest.co.za](http://www.celticfest.co.za)

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