



**October 2013**

South Africa is getting ready for the hot season and for the outdoor activities. The country has put forth its brightest colours to welcome Spring and Pretoria with its purple jacarandas is perhaps one of the most emblematic examples thereof. The warm temperatures are an added plus for the traveller. With Autumn and Winter in Europe, South Africa offers dream like beaches, golf tournaments and safaris. There's also space for the more uncommon or exotic activities and experiences, such as climbing the Drakensberg Mountains or wine therapy in the Eastern Cape Spas.

#### **41 Beaches with Blue Flag**

The Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) presented the results of the **Blue Flag 2013** initiative in South Africa. There are 41 beaches that received the award for water quality, cleanliness, accesses and available services, which extend from the Kwazulu-Natal province, through the Eastern Cape, Western Cape (where the majority are) until the Northern Cape, all magnificent, like this one in Muizenberg in the Western Cape...

More information:

<http://www.blueflag.org.za/>





### **Golf and Safari**

South Africa is one of the best and most well known golf destinies in the world. There's a long standing golf tradition in the country and it has become a very popular sport. Why not combine sport with a safari? Besides the wonderful golf courses in the Cape region or in the Garden Route for example, where you can play golf in breathtaking surroundings, you can always extend your stay and join a safari. The options are plentiful..

More information:

<http://www.sasporttravel.co.za/?m=10&s=3>

The **Wine therapy** is very popular in some of the Western Cape spas. This therapy consists of utilising the skins and pips of the grapes or even the twigs for various skin treatments, for detoxification and to re-energize the body. Allow the Chardonnay, the Pinotage or the Merlot to take you on an elegantly relaxing and inspiring trip while enjoying Cape Town's unique landscape and luxury. You deserve it...

More information:

[www.southafrica.net/za/en/articles/entry/article-southafrica.net-vinotherapy#.UmVCIXCsg6Y](http://www.southafrica.net/za/en/articles/entry/article-southafrica.net-vinotherapy#.UmVCIXCsg6Y)



### **The uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park**

The Drakensberg Mountains. The Zulus call them the 'Barrier of Spears'. This mountainous chain (the highest in Africa south of Kilimanjaro) is situated in the KwaZulu-Natal province and is a World Heritage Site. Enjoy the adrenalin packed outdoor activities and breathtaking landscapes, in one of the most majestic sceneries in South Africa.

More information: <http://drakensberg.org.za>





**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 19<sup>th</sup> and into the 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries, but now it 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](http://www.southafrica.net/za/en/landing/visitor-home)

## Jacaranda City

The Jacaranda City is in full bloom. And what a glorious sight! Spring offers an absolutely stunning feast to the lucky visitors: the horizon unfolds like a luxuriant painting, with vivid green and purple splotches. Pretoria is a city wrapped in history with a lot to offer to the tourist. We suggest a visit to the Union Buildings (headquarters to the South African Government), the [Voortrekker Monument](#), the [Pretoria Art Museum](#) or the [Transvaal Museum of Natural History](#)

More information: <http://www.tshwanetourism.com/>




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