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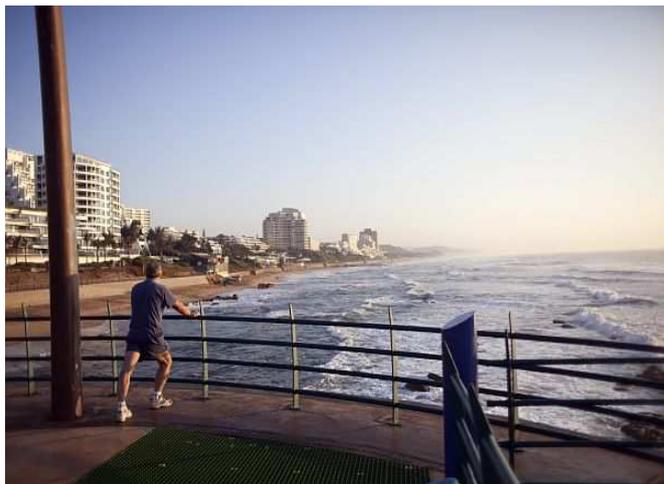
**July 2013**

Winter is at its peak in Southern Africa, but South Africa's heart is feeling very warm and proud due to the acknowledgements received by the **Travel and Leisure** and **Trip Advisor** publications. August is the coldest month in the country, but 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? As such, we suggest glorious Cape Town, the cultural experience of an African village in Sun City or a safari in the Kruger ...

South Africa is among the top preferences of **Trip Advisor's** users (one of the world's largest interactive travelling engines). Similarly to previous years, South Africa is very well placed in the 412 destinations analyzed which were evaluated by tourists themselves and which ranks, for example, Cape Town in 16th place among the world's top 25 and the 1st city in the African ranking, as well as other attractions in the country: Kruger Park, Pretoria or Durban.

More information:

[www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Destinations-cTop-g1](http://www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Destinations-cTop-g1)





### **Cape Town among the best**

Cape Town features once again in the list of the 10 best cities in the world, by being voted 4th place in the **Travel and Leisure "World's Best Awards"**. The mother city also achieved the top of the best cities in Africa and Middle East. The choice is made by readers of this prestigious publication.

More information:

<http://www.southafrica.info/>

### **Try out the South African culture and diversity**

Motseng Cultural Village in Sun City offers a unique experience to its visitors: the day-to-day living and the traditions of eight South African cultures in one single place. A live museum in which you will be able to interact with a *sangoma* who will see your future through the throwing of small animal bones. Furthermore, the visitor will have access to the magnificent Sun City resort.

More information:

[www.tourismnorthwest.co.za/heritage/motseng\\_cultural\\_village.html](http://www.tourismnorthwest.co.za/heritage/motseng_cultural_village.html)



### **Safari in the Kruger**

If there are unforgettable experiences, to do a safari will be among the top choices of our wish list. The emotion of being near the wild animals in their natural habitat will be forever in our memories. **Sabi Sabi**, one of the many resorts in the famous Park that borders Mozambique shares the daily adventures of its rangers in a *blog* that will allow us to travel through the African savannah....

More information: <http://www.sabisabi.com/blog/>

## Discover the route of Humanity and of Gold in Johannesburg

Johannesburg is Africa's most popular destination with 2.54 million international visitors expected in 2013. There are plenty attractions in this great city and we hereby suggest two which are situated approx. 40 minutes from Johannesburg at the **Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site**:



### **Maropeng Visitor Centre & Sterkfontien Caves:**

These are the two prime sites to learn about the appearing of mankind and its evolution, a journey that began 4 billion years ago when the planet started shaping. After all the first humanoids lived in Africa!

More information:

[www.gauteng.net/cradleofhumankind/travellers/leisure\\_tourism/about\\_maropeng](http://www.gauteng.net/cradleofhumankind/travellers/leisure_tourism/about_maropeng)

**Kromdraai Gold Mine:** gold is central to South Africa's history (Johannesburg was established during the time of the *Gold Run* in 1886). Visiting the mine is travelling in time to the Paul Kruger era, the first South African President.

More information:

[www.gauteng.net/attractions/entry/kromdraai\\_gold\\_mine/](http://www.gauteng.net/attractions/entry/kromdraai_gold_mine/)



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