



Inspiring new ways



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Recently, a global trend has caught fire that offers outdoor enthusiasts an upgrade on rest and recreation. It's called glamping, a new word for a new kind of travel, defined as glamorous camping. When you're glamping, there's no tent to pitch, no sleeping bag to unroll, no fire to build. Whether in a tent, yurt, airstream, igloo, hut, villa, cabin, cube, teepee or treehouse, glamping is a way to experience the great outdoors without sacrificing luxury. There are plenty of glamorous options for travellers looking for luxury tented accommodation in South Africa on their glamping trip – as well as less-traditional venues such as tree houses and five-star trailer parks. Take a look at our selection of great South African luxury camping getaways.

GARONGA SAFARI CAMP

At Garonga, 'soul on safari' experiences are simply part of the deal. Not only is there an opportunity to enjoy a safari experience, but there is an extensive list of indulgent health and wellness therapies to elevate your bush visit to new heights of blissful being. Situated in the Makalali conservancy of the western Kruger Park, it consists of a luxury tented camp (sleeps 12) that promises an up-close-and-personal encounter with nature.

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





CHALKLEY TREEHOUSE

The Lion Sands Game Reserve in the Sabi Sand Reserve is home to an extraordinary accommodation offering – the Chalkley Treehouse. The treehouse is an ode to Guy Aubrey Chalkley who once set up camp in a majestic centuries-old Leadwood Tree to escape the predators roaming the plains below. The Chalkley Treehouse consists of a secure and lavish platform under the African stars, with all the comforts that a guest will experience at a five-star safari lodge, but affords an experience as wild as the animals that roam beneath it.

More information: <http://www.lionsands.com/our-treehouses/chalkleys/>

MARATABA SAFARI LODGE

Located at the foot of the Waterberg mountains in Limpopo province, visitors to Marataba Safari Lodge are assured of a glamorous camping experience. The luxury canvas and stone accommodation includes a private viewing deck where guests can take in the dramatic scenery of the Waterberg. The lodge is a simple extension of the natural environment beyond its walls - rich, bold, organic and patently magnificent. If you sit quietly for long enough, you can feel the energy of the countless people who have made this place home since the Stone Age.

More information: www.marataba.co.za/our-lodges/marataba-safari-lodge-2/



GORAH ELEPHANT CAMP

Gorah Elephant Camp is the only private concession and safari camp within the malaria-free Addo Elephant National Park. Here visitors can stay over in luxury – the camp's 11 tented suites include private bathrooms, a verandah overlooking the African plains and a personal chef. This exclusive lodge recaptures the romantic mystique of authentic safaris from centuries past. Experience the breathtaking natural world of Africa merged with colonial nostalgia and modern sophistication, to deliver an unforgettably unique 5 star adventure

More information: <http://gorah.hunterhotels.com/home/>

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA – APRIL 2016



LAMBERT'S BAY CRAYFISH FESTIVAL

When: 29 April – 1 May 2016

Where: Lambert's Bay

More information: www.kreeffees.co.za

At the Lambert's Bay Crayfish Festival, held annually in the Cape West Coast town of Lambert's Bay, you'll feast on fresh crayfish and get festive at rock concerts by some of South Africa's favourite musicians. Fun for the whole family - a weekend of feasting and fun!



PINK LOERIE MARDI GRAS

When: 25 April – 2 May 2016

Where: Knysna

More information: www.pinkloerie.co.za

This very popular and highly colourful celebration is always a highlight on the international Gay Calendar. The Pink Loerie Mardi Gras offers four days of non-stop entertainment for Gay people as well as for everybody that have a need for superb entertainment & major partying.



AFRIKA BURN

When: 25 April – 2 May 2016

Where: Tankwa-Karoo National Park

More information: www.afrikaburn.com

This is a freedom of expression festival with the intention of building a temporary community through collaborative arts projects, in a completely non-commercial environment. The 'gift economy' means that there is no commercial exchange at the event at all.



MORE EVENTS

- Constantia Valley Grape Run (3 Apr 2016) www.racetrack.co.za
- SA Cheese4 Festival (30 Apr-2 May 2016) www.cheesefestival.co.za
- Iron Man South Africa (10 Apr 2016) www.ironman.com
- Mpumalanga Wine Show (7-8 Apr 2016) www.wine.co.za
- Orange Descent (29-30 Apr 2016) www.gcu.co.za
- Cape Town Jazz Festival (1-2 Apr 2016) www.capetownjazzfest.com

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