

Mapungubwe National Park, Limpopo

Limpopo More to Enjoy

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Welcome to South Africa, an Incentive Destination Ready to Inspire

The evolving needs of our clients and the future of the industry is making a positive upturn, and people are choosing to travel and explore the world beyond their own borders. So, as they find their footing being drawn towards South Africa, it's the perfect opportunity to expose your guests to new and colourful experiences which can be found in abundance in South Africa. Forge new paths in our destination – we are ready to ignite, entertain, and inspire once more.

South Africa as an Incentive Destination

South Africa has something for you, whether it's a group or a bespoke incentive travel programme. Our nature and wildlife offerings are second to none as the country is home to the magnificent Big 5, sighted from some of the most luxurious expansive game reserves in the world. This makes it a top contender for that once-in-a-lifetime incentive trip! The country boasts kilometres of award-winning beaches, all set against a backdrop of the blue and turquoise shades of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans. This beach experience can be coupled with group excursions to watch whales, dolphins, penguins, and birdlife. The picturesque winelands, where guests can indulge in delicious award-winning wines paired with gourmet cuisine, are the perfect dream setting for the idyllic incentive gala evening and it will no doubt tempt guests to stay longer or return for post-event leisure stays.

Welcome to Limpopo, the Great North Province

Named after the mighty river that runs through its vast lands, Limpopo lies in the northernmost corner of South Africa. Bordering the countries of Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, 'The Great North' Limpopo Province is the gateway to Africa. Home to a wide variety of nature and game reserves, including the acclaimed Kruger National Park, the province is an unbeatable destination for those looking for an off-the-beaten-path experience and the very best of the African bush. Along the roads of Limpopo, you will come across incredible woodcarvings, magnificent pottery, and intricate beadwork. You'll hear legends and myths of water spirits and sacred pythons and even come to learn about the Rain Queen, the hereditary female ruler of the local Modjadji people. A land of infinite beauty, incredible diversity, rich cultural heritage, and an abundance of wildlife and nature-based activities, Limpopo Province is the perfect choice for an incentive trip that excites and inspires.

Get Taken in by the Magic of Limpopo

With its incredible mix of African cultures, fascinating folklore, and legends, snuffling hippos, and beautiful baobabs, incentive travellers are sure to be in awe of the magical land of Limpopo province. As one of South Africa's most fascinating and abundant provinces, it should be at the top of everyone's must-see list.

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Explore UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Mapungubwe National Park

The Mapungubwe Cultural Landscape: Known for its ancient African archaeological treasures, this UNESCO World Heritage site is a vast savannah that houses the incredible Mapungubwe National Park. Incentive travellers can enjoy the breath-taking bushveld filled with unbelievable wildlife and spectacular baobab trees.

The Waterberg Biosphere: With its rich flora and fauna and interesting rock formations that are over a million years old, the Waterberg Biosphere is another of Limpopo's incredible UNESCO World Heritage sites. Visitors can choose to stay in one of the many lodges and bush camps and participate in activities such as hiking, birding, and game-viewing.

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Discover the Land of Magic and Mysticism

Lake Fundudzi



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Modjadji Cycad Reserve: The Modjadji Cycad Reserve holds the largest concentration of a single cycad species in the world. These majestic upside-down-looking plants are some of the oldest and largest of their kind on the planet.



02

The Balobedu Rain Queen: Close to the town of Tzaneen in the Limpopo province and surrounded by the mystical mountains of the northern Drakensberg is the home of the Modjadji, the Rain Queen.



03

Lake Fundudzi and Thathe Vondo Forest: Aside from being the land of the mystical Balobedu Rain Queen, Limpopo has more than its fair share of legends and mysteries. If you are intrigued by folklore and fables, be sure to visit Lake Fundudzi and Thathe Vondo Forest, where you will hear fascinating stories of a great white crocodile, a giant python, and a cursed village at the bottom of a lake.

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African Wildlife Experiences

Timbavati Game Reserve, Limpopo



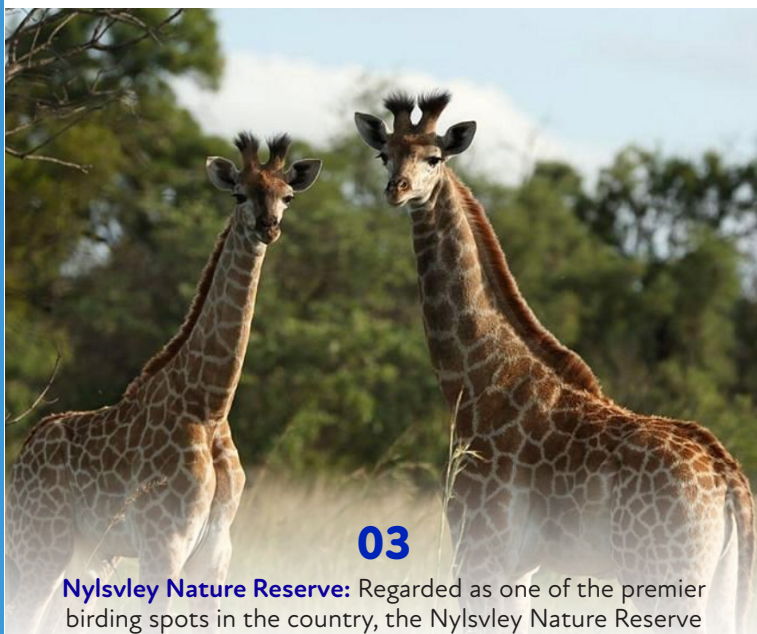
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Kruger National Park: One of South Africa's most exciting safari destinations, the Kruger National Park is a bucket-list item for any trip to the country. The park is famous for some of the most incredible sightings caught on camera, including 'The Battle of Kruger' (an epic fight between lions, angry buffalos, and crocodiles).



02

Private Game Reserves: There are a number of private game reserves in Limpopo Province, including Mabula Game Reserve, Timbavati Game Reserve, Thornybush Game Reserve, Kapama Game Reserve, Makalali Game Reserve, and Tshukudu Game Lodge to name a few.



03

Nylsvley Nature Reserve: Regarded as one of the premier birding spots in the country, the Nylsvley Nature Reserve boasts over 370 different bird species. One hundred twenty of these are waterfowl that enjoy the largest floodplain vlei in South Africa in the reserve.



04

Agatha Crocodile Ranch: Situated on a picturesque avocado farm outside Tzaneen in Limpopo, Agatha Crocodile Ranch offers visitors daily adventure tours, the chance to hold a baby Nile crocodile and to feed one of Africa's greatest predators.

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Relax and Revitalise

Bela-Bela, Limpopo

Bela-Bela: The town of Bela-Bela, roughly translating to ‘pot that boils’ in Tswana, owes its name to the mineral hot springs for which the town has become known. Bela-Bela is the perfect location for those looking for a bit of relaxation and revitalisation. Relax and enjoy the pools and spa treatments available at the beautiful and tranquil Forever Resorts Warmbaths where the springs are located.

Play a Round of Golf: Enjoy a round of golf at one or all the internationally acclaimed golf courses in Limpopo Province, including Elements Private Golf Reserve, Euphoria Golf Estate and Hydro, Zebula Golf Estate, and Legends Golf and Safari Resort. You may even get to see some hippos and crocs along the course.

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DMC Partners and Incentive Suppliers

South Africa has a large database of full-service Destination Management Companies (DMCs) and Incentive Houses that have expert knowledge when it comes to logistics and arrangements of incentives, tailor-made itineraries, motivational trips, and logistics. Combining top standard tourism services and social awareness, our DMCs and Incentive Houses have an in-depth knowledge of the destinations they cover and a vast network of connections to travel agents, local tourism product suppliers, principal players, and affiliates in every country in Southern Africa. DMCs help to create experiences where business travel clients can connect with each other, and themselves, to achieve brand growth brought about by bonding over a shared experience.

By working with our DMCs, organisers can be assured of the most exclusive and unique experiences for their clients at the best rates and assistance with key selling points and anecdotes to help close the sale. Having built their businesses around a burning passion for Southern Africa, its people, animals, and landscapes, our DMCs offer prompt, accurate, creative, and relevant travel solutions, and personalised services to ensure organisers and travellers return home having enjoyed the ultimate, unforgettable journey.

For more information, or assistance with DMCs, please contact the South Africa National Convention Bureau (SANCb).

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What's New in Limpopo

Thanks to the Tourism Grading Council of South Africa, Limpopo has several venues and accommodation options that maintain globally recognised standards of quality. Amazing new offerings have been launched in the past two years.

Kapama Game Reserve



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Lepogo Lodges:

Enjoy the epitome of luxury at Lepogo Lodges situated in the Lapalala Wilderness Reserve. This unique location is 100% non-profit, where all profits are reinjected in the lodge's conservation efforts, combining sustainability, technology, and world-class bespoke experiences. Its breath-taking accommodation comprises Melote House, which sleeps 16 guests and Noka Camp, which sleeps 12 guests.



02

Radisson Safari Hotel:

Centrally located just two kilometres outside Hoedspruit, with the most incredible views of the Drakensberg Mountains, Radisson Safari Hotel



03

Discover Marataba:

Unique experience under an African sky where guests can get involved in various conservation experiences at either Marataba Founders or Explorers Camp. Marataba is in Marakele National Park, Hartbeestfontein, a 3-hour drive north of Johannesburg.

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Ease of Access

Accessibility

The province is easily accessible with daily flights from all major centres to its urban centre, Polokwane. By road, the city is within an easy 4-hour drive from Johannesburg.

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Did You Know?

- There are Baobab trees as old as 3 000 years in Limpopo Province
- The fabled Rain Queen, the hereditary queen of Balobedu, is the country's only queendom
- The Waterberg is one of the oldest mountain ranges in South Africa and was the first of the country's biosphere to be declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site

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Visitor Support

Visa Regulations

Travellers looking to visit South Africa must produce a valid visa before they can enter the country. A visa will be issued for a visit for tourism or business purposes and is valid for a period of 90 days (3 months). Certain countries are exempted from visa control, which means that citizens from those countries do not need a visa to visit South Africa. For those that require visas, please note that visas are not issued at South African ports of entry, and airline officials must insist on visas before allowing passengers to board.

Requirements for a visa

Types of visas

Countries exempt from South African visas

To our Valued Partners

The SANCB has implemented a portal, which is a web-based platform allowing the business events industry to collaborate with the SANCB in bidding for business events. This tool provides personalised access and self-service by enabling convention bureaus and other business events stakeholders to solicit support from the SANCB and exchange information relating to bidding for business events. The system is integrated with the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system for operational efficiency and allows for industry partner management, consumer marketing, forecasting, and reporting.

Features of the Portal and How Will it Assist our Clients include:

- Personalised access
- A dashboard that provides a holistic view of all the user's projects
- Functionality to exchange information with the SANCB for bidding purposes
- Reporting functionality

Visit our portal for a step-by-step guide here:

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