

Spotlight on Graaff-Reinet

Located in the Eastern Cape, this charming and historic Karoo town is fast gaining popularity as an off-the-beaten-track destination.

Graaff-Reinet is virtually surrounded by the Camdeboo National Park, in the heart of the Great Karoo (Place of Thirst) - an area covered by broad plains, vast livestock, game farms and distant hills. Fossils in the area indicate that life has existed in the region for three billion years and it is world-renowned for its pre-dinosaur fossils. The closest major airport is Port Elizabeth, 250km away, although there is an airstrip nearby for charter services.

Graaff-Reinet, established in 1786, is South Africa's fourth oldest magisterial district. The town contains over 220 heritage sites which is more than any other town in South Africa and boasts examples of magnificent Cape Dutch, Victorian and Karoo architecture.

Visit one of the biggest cacti collection on the planet and walk the fascinating succulent plant labyrinth at Obesa Nursery.

Sun City offers new Rhino Tracking activity

This interactive rhino monitoring experience gives guests the opportunity to "track" the rhinos from both the comfort of a vehicle and on foot. A Rfid tag (an electronic tag for rangers to track and find the animal) is embedded into the front horn of the rhino and doubles as a security feature to make the rhinos less attractive to poachers, as the horn itself can then be tracked.

The guests (min 2 - max 8) will be collected from the Welcome Centre and transported to Letsatsing Reserve. Once the location of the tagged rhino is established the guide and

Experience breath-taking views at the top of the Valley of Desolation and watch the sun go down over the Plains of the Camdeboo.



Nieu Bethesda, just 52km away, is home to Helen Martin's weird and wonderful sculptures at her famous Owl House.

The luxurious and beautifully restored 5* **Drosty Hotel** is located in the the heart of the town, within easy walking distance of all the main attractions and the vibey arts and crafts centre. The Drosty Hotel offers a total of 48 beautifully styled rooms. Other features include a choice of three pools, state-of-the-art gym facilities, conference room, Imibala Art Gallery and wine centre, the world-class Africology Spa and the fine-dining De Camdeboo Restaurant.

participants will disembark from the vehicle and proceed to view the rhino up close on foot. Afterwards there is a presentation on the plight of these magnificent animals.

Total activity time is approximately 2.5 hours.



Hopewell Private Game Reserve - a new meaning to "private"

Hopewell Lodge is an exclusive luxury hideaway on a private game reserve in South Africa's Eastern Cape. The luxurious suites are situated along the hillside and overlook the wildlife reserve. A total of 12 guests can be accommodated at one time. It is a 40 minute drive from the Port Elizabeth airport, situated in malaria-free, coastal valley bushveld.

There are four luxurious private suites (three with private swimming pools) and two executive suites.

What makes this property so unique is that Hopewell hosts "one party" bookings only to ensure a totally exclusive safari experience.

This means even with a minimum booking of two, you still would have the whole reserve to yourselves at the regular per person rate.

Rates include two exclusive game drives per day with an experienced guide and tracker, all meals and includes local soft drinks, wines, spirits and beers.

Activities on the reserve range from game drives, bird watching from three hides around the property to enjoying sundowners in a tree house, or simply relaxing by the pool at the lodge. This could be combined with a stay in Graaff-Reinet for a truly memorable holiday.

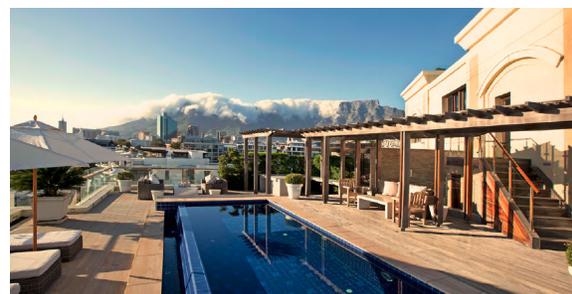


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If you are looking for the ultimate penthouse, consider the **The One Above** - a new Royal Portfolio property. The group, known for its luxury accommodation and world-class service, has ventured into a new, unprecedented space located above the One&Only Hotel at the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town.

Congratulations to **The Test Kitchen** in Cape Town, which has been named no. 28 in the World's 50 Best Restaurants for 2015. It is the only South African restaurant on this list of eminent restaurants and also wins this year's continental award for the Best Restaurant in Africa. Please be aware that you need to book months in advance if you wish to experience this unique eatery.

Dragonfly Africa is very proud to announce that through buying handmade beaded bracelets as gifts for our clients, we were able to donate R2550 to **Ikamva Labantu**, our chosen NGO, which provides training, education, mentoring and support in the Western Cape townships. In addition to supporting this worthy cause, proceeds from each handmade bracelet provided earnings and up-skilling for local bracelet-makers, and helped create enterprise development opportunities in South Africa.



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