

Uncovering South Africa's **hidden gems**



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Join us, James & Kirsty @cabin_fever_cpt, on a once-in-a-lifetime South African road trip with Tripadvisor and Enterprise! We're world travellers who love uncovering hidden gems, so we set out to do just that. We started at chill spots like Miller's Point and Llandudno Beach, then ramped up the adventure at Slangkop Point Lighthouse, Boulders Beach, and beyond. Here we go...

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Stop 1

Miller's Point Tidal Pool

Miller's Point is one of the most captivating tidal pools in Cape Town. With stunning views, natural rock pools full of marine life, two beaches, and braai (barbecue) facilities, it's the perfect spot for an oceanfront afternoon.



Stop 2

Chapman's Peak Drive

Chapman's Peak Drive is an iconic route along the Cape Peninsula. The panoramic views of the coastline took our breath away. It's a photographer's paradise, with countless opportunities to capture the natural beauty of the Cape.



Stop 3

Boulders Beach

Boulders Beach is home to a colony of African penguins that are amazing to see in their natural habitat! The coastline, with its huge boulders, white sand, and shallow waters, is perfect for picnicking and swimming.

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Stop 4

Llandudno Beach

Llandudno Beach felt like our own secret getaway. The beach was quiet, with soft white sand and clear blue water. We had a peaceful time lounging and enjoying each other's company away from the crowds.



Stop 5

Silvermine Nature Reserve

We hiked to the top of the Silvermine Nature Reserve for stunning views over the mountains and sea. We found a quiet spot by the reservoir, dipped our feet in the cool water, and enjoyed the moment together.



Stop 6

Slangkop Point Lighthouse

Slangkop Point Lighthouse is a real gem. We climbed up to the base and listened to the waves crashing against the rocks below. The view was incredible; it felt like we were at the edge of the world.

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Stop 7 **Imhoff Farm**

At Imhoff Farm, we wandered around the charming shops and picked up a few local treasures. The laid-back atmosphere made it a pleasant spot to browse the farm shops and artisan crafts. You can even take a guided horse ride on the beach!



Stop 8 **Wooley's Tidal Pool**

Wooley's Tidal Pool was incredibly serene. We loved swimming in the natural pool surrounded by stunning rock formations. It felt like our own, private retreat, offering a peaceful break on our road trip.



Stop 9 **Scarborough Beach**

Scarborough Beach was a hidden treasure—quiet and pristine with gentle waves and beautiful scenery. We spent time walking along the shore, which has a more relaxed vibe compared to some of the busier beaches.



What to know before you go to **South Africa**

What to Expect

South Africa is a diverse country with a rich cultural heritage, influenced by African, European, and Indian traditions. The country is known for its music, dance, and art.

South African cuisine is varied, with influences from African, Dutch, Malay, and Indian cultures. Popular dishes include braai (barbecue), bobotie (spiced meat dish), and biltong (dried cured meat). Cape Malay curries and bunny chow (a Durban specialty) are must-tries.

Language

South Africa has 11 official languages, with English being widely spoken and used in business, government, and tourism.

Currency

The official currency of South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR), often abbreviated as R. Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in urban areas, but it's advisable to carry some cash, particularly for smaller vendors, markets, or in rural regions.

Time Zone

South Africa operates on South Africa Standard Time (SAST), which is UTC+2. The country does not observe Daylight Saving Time, so the time remains consistent throughout the year.



Plug Adaptor

South Africa uses Type D, M, and N electrical outlets, with a standard voltage of 230V and a frequency of 50Hz. Type M (three-round pin) is the most common. Travellers will likely need a plug adaptor, and it's advisable to check the compatibility of your devices.

Airport Locations

O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB):

Located in Johannesburg, this is the busiest airport in Africa and the primary international gateway.

Cape Town International Airport (CPT):

Serving Cape Town, it is the second-busiest airport in South Africa.

King Shaka International Airport (DUR):

Situated 35 km north of Durban, serving the KwaZulu-Natal region.

Chief Dawid Stuurman International Airport (PLZ):

Located near the city centre of Gqeberha, serving the Eastern Cape.



Knowing the driving rules in **South Africa**

The following information will make for safe and enjoyable driving throughout South Africa. All road signs and directions are written in English, you drive on the left-hand side of the road and wearing seat belts is compulsory by law.

Roads across South Africa are generally well-maintained. Toll motorways connect all major cities but make sure to have cash or a credit card on you, as most toll booths don't accept debit card payments.

When taking smaller local roads, make sure to keep an eye out for crossing animals. Farm animals and wildlife may suddenly cross over the road, so it is advisable to drive within the speed limit.

Road trips in South Africa are generally safe, but we strongly recommend you follow these tips for a safe and comfortable journey, especially when driving in major urban areas:

- Lock your car doors and keep windows wound up, especially by traffic lights (or robots, as they're called in South Africa!)
- Don't leave anything valuable in your car when parked or left unattended.
- If you cross wildlife on the road, keep at a distance and don't open your windows.
- Avoid driving at night – there's a higher incidence of animal crossings and carjackings.



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- A full, valid driving license
- An international driver's permit (if your license is not written in English)
- Your passport
- A credit card for the deposit

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Mitsubishi
Eclipse Cross



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