



TRENDS

GREATEST REMOTE ESCAPES – PART 2

A PLACE TO PAUSE

Melozhori Game Reserve lies in the picturesque Cape mountains, adjacent to the tiny hamlet of Stormsvlei in the verdant Overberg district of the Western Cape and just under 200kms from Cape Town. This game reserve is set on a breathtaking panoramic landscape with uninterrupted views and home to unique mix of indigenous fauna and flora. Escape from the hustle and bustle of the city and relax and unwind with a scenic game drive or a relaxed walk in the bush. The lodge has 4 suites, accommodating 8 adults and the cottage consists of two bedrooms that can sleep 4 adults and 2 small children.



FREEDOM TO ROAM

Samara Private Game Reserve consists of 11 former livestock farms assembled since 1997 in the Eastern Cape. Key to the Samara experience is the concept of co-creation, where every guest plays a role in safeguarding the landscape in perpetuity. The landscape itself is unique – an unexpected and diverse semi-arid paradise of mountains and grasslands, where thousands of wild animals, from cheetah to elephant to springbok, roam once more. A total of 26 guests at any one time are invited to join this conservation journey, a guest-to-land ratio almost unparalleled in Africa. Easily accessible from the Garden Route, Samara is also just 40 minutes from the historical town of Graaff-Reinet, rich in culture and heritage.



EXPANSIVE VIEWS

Marataba, a 21,000-hectare, privately managed section of the Marakele National Park, is uniquely situated where lush bushveld gives way to the Kalahari sands, in South Africa's Limpopo Province. As a contractual National Park, Marataba is one of South Africa's most innovative conservation models. From the vision of an iconic president to the unique public-private partnership that exists today, they protect the area's diverse flora and fauna through modern and hands-on conservation practices. With more than 1,000 acres of wilderness for every guest bed, Marataba offers intimate game viewing experiences from one of four lodges and camps, each with their own character and charm. Marataba Mountain Lodge has 5 suites and Marataba Safari Lodge offers 15 luxury tented suites.



THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE

Cocooned in utmost luxury, adrift in your own 4-bedroom oceanfront home within one of Africa's most beautiful coastal reserves: the 36 000-ha De Hoop Nature Reserve. De Hoop offers 51km of pristine white beaches and dunes lapped by the Ocean, as well as limestone cliffs, rock pools, wetlands, coastal fynbos and the reserve is home to more than 260 species of birds. **Morukuru Ocean House** can accommodate 8 adults & 4 children and **Morukuru Beach Lodge** consists of 4 luxury Ocean View Suites with balconies, offering endless views of the Ocean and the nearby white sand dunes.



CONTEMPORARY SAFARI ESCAPE

Suspended high above the N'wanetsi River, the dramatic cliffside setting of **Singita Lebombo Lodge's** 13 contemporary glass-walled suites ensures inimitable views of the world-renowned Kruger National Park. The lodge's cutting-edge design is cleverly integrated into its wilderness setting, where everything defers to nature and airy spaces welcome the breathtaking surrounds inside. The sophisticated loft-style suites embody the essence of modern romantic hideaways and their elevated wooden viewing decks allow guests to sleep outside under the stars. These light-filled structures, floating between river and sky, were inspired by the many eagles' nests built into the cliff face of the river bank.



MOONSCAPE OASIS

At the foot of the towering Warmwaterberg Mountains in the Little Karoo lies the unique safari destination of **Sanbona Wildlife Reserve**. Three Luxury Lodges (Tilney Manor has 6 rooms, Dwyka Tented Lodge has 9 tents, Gondwana Family Lodge has 12 rooms) and an adventurous Explorer Camp (accommodating 6 people) nestle in 58,000 hectares of sculpted Cape Fold Mountains and wide-open plains. Take a three-hour scenic drive from Cape Town to the heart of the Little Karoo, along the Route 62, to an unforgettable, malaria-free private game reserve. Experience a huge diversity of indigenous flora and fauna and rare examples of San rock art, some dating back more than 3,500 years, plus a unique boat safari and thrilling game drives. Conservation is paramount at Sanbona and every guest contributes to preserving this wilderness for future generations. More than a Big 5 wilderness reserve, it's the vastness of the landscape, the alluring stillness and isolation amid raw beauty and boundless plains that make Sanbona unique.



GOURMET ESCAPE

If it's legendary food, spectacular scenery and tranquillity you're after, then Cleopatra is for you. **Cleopatra Mountain Farmhouse** has earned global renown as a romantic gourmet getaway under Richard and Mouse Poynton. Nestled in the heart of the KwaZulu-Natal Drakensberg, this gourmet lodge is dedicated to sumptuous food and a rustic but stylish ambience, with a warm and friendly welcome from the moment you arrive at this idyllic mountain farmhouse. With just twelve unique rooms, and a two-bedroom self-cater cottage nearby, it is a haven for guests seeking to break away from their fast-paced life to enjoy mountain walks, roaring log fires, seven-course dinners and endless relaxation and pampering. Mouse has created the ideal environment for relaxation, with many artefacts to interest and amuse, and the new Copper Pot Spa for rejuvenating treatments. Creatively themed and decorated rooms and suites feature welcome fireplaces and countless special touches.



HIDEAWAY MOUNTAIN RETREAT

Wild Horses Lodge is a Sandstone villa facing the breathtaking expanse of the Sterkfontein Dam and the Platberg Mountains. This Drakensberg Lodge was built with living in mind. Kitchen, lounge, and bar area merge, and regardless of which room you choose to inhabit you are treated to the most magical view. The dining room opens out to an expansive terrace. A private library, wine cellar, Koi pond, rim-flow pool, rose garden and landscaped indigenous garden complete the picture. This is like home ... only better. True luxury is as much about subtle detail as it is about furniture and décor. You'll notice the night cap on the bedside table as you retire to your suite, and the freshly baked biscuits with the coffee. This mountain retreat has proudly earned each of its five stars. Wild Horses Lodge accommodates up to 8 people in 4 uniquely decorated suites.

