



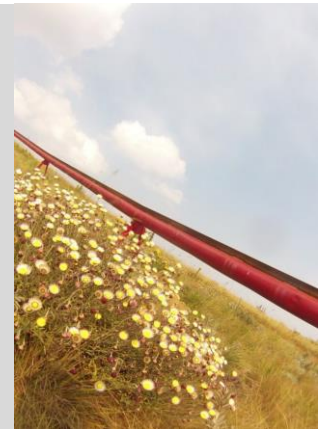
TRENDS

Big Adventures

MPUMALANGA

ONE OF A KIND IN AFRICA

Misty Mountain's 'Long Tom Toboggan' is an activity that will get your heart pumping, stir your senses and get you really close to nature. Jump aboard your precarious yellow cart and reach speeds of 45 kilometres an hour as you twist and turn through flowers and forests down 1.7 kilometres of stainless steel pipeline. The Long Tom Toboggan is Africa's first toboggan ride of its kind. Using the principles of a European model known as an 'alpine coaster' or sommerrodelbahn, this activity utilizes over 348 lengths of steel and the monorail twists and turns through flowers and trees for an exhilarating three-minute ride. Travellers can access the toboggan at Misty Mountain, on R37 Long Tom Pass, 24 kilometres from Sabie and 31 kilometres from Lydenburg, Panorama Route, Mpumalanga.



BIG SWING

Are you the type of person that likes to live in the fast lane? Does 0-160 km/hr in 2-3 seconds sound fast enough for you? Head to the tiny forestry town of Graskop in Mpumalanga for an adrenaline rush that will satisfy your need for speed. The Big Swing is South Africa's highest cable Gorge Swing and situated near the scenic Graskop falls with breathtaking views.

ADVENTURE ROBOTICS

If you haven't ridden a segway yet, now's the time. This fun, slightly-adrenaline-fueling experience is a great way to see the world. The activity in Hazyview will bring you to macadamia, guava and banana trees, as well as bee boxes which will all be introduced and explained to you by your dedicated tour guide. You can look forward to some amazing views of beautiful dams before stopping at one of the dams for a break. The break session is also a good spot to ask all your questions about Hazyview, what you've seen and experienced on the way there and any other curiosity you'd like to satisfy. On the way back you can expect to see some stunning birdlife and wildlife.



MOUNTAIN BOARDING

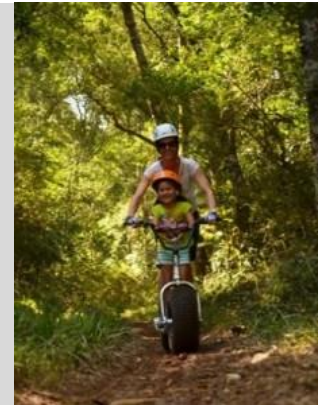
Enjoy the views and tranquility of the forest as you Mountain Board down the roads of the Sabie Valley near Hazyview in Mpumalanga. Mountain Boarding is an offspring of snow-boarding and offers you the ability to ride a variety of terrains from gravel tracks, MTB trails to grassy slopes.



GARDEN ROUTE

MONSTER SCOOTER ADVENTURE

Enjoy an exhilarating downhill adventure on the Monster Mountain Scooter and descent through indigenous forest, sweeping bends and single tracks. A scenic minibus ride takes you into the heart of the forest to the best hills to start your descent in the Garden Route National Park. All of this while on the lookout for the local wild life, the majestic Knysna loerie, the shy bushbuck and wild boar. Scooters are non motorized making this eco friendly. These Swiss designed scooters are used in the Alps during the summer season on the ski slopes when the snow is gone. All trips are guided by professional qualified guides. All scooters can handle one adult with a child passenger. Tours are also available in Cape Town.



UNIQUE DIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Snorkelling with Seahorses on the Garden Route is wildlife viewing of a completely different variety and an encounter not to be missed. Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route is one of the only places in South Africa where snorkellers can take a glimpse into the fascinating world of this pocket-sized aquatic creature! The endangered Knysna or Cape seahorse is protected by law and Knysna Lagoon is one of a small number of places on the southern coast of South Africa where they can be found.

MONKEYING AROUND

Acrobranch Wildwoods is located on the edge of the Garden Route National Park and boasts amazing views of the surrounding lakes, forests and mountains. The tree obstacle courses cater for everyone (from kids to the most adventurous adults) and will show you that adventure can mean fun and safety at the same time. Before you set off on a course we will brief you and strap you into a harness, then take you into our pine tree forest where you will go from tree to tree on zip lines, monkey bridges, tarzan swings and many more for a minimum of 1 hour. This activity is available in other provinces as well.



LAND BASED SAILING

Blokart Sailing is a fun land-based sailing sport. A blokart is a compact three-wheeled buggy with a sail and moves according to the same principles as a sailing yacht. It is an easy sport to learn and all you need is a stretch of beach or a track as well as a light breeze. In the Garden Route you will find a blokart track in Sedgfield, situated between Knysna and George.



KWA-ZULU NATAL

THE BIG RUSH

Are you brave enough to free fall 80m into the stadium bowl of the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban? Then read on... The Big Rush Big Swing has been officially named the world's tallest swing by the Guinness Book of Records since May 2011. Not your average swing, the aptly named Big Swing allows you to take the thrilling leap swinging out into a massive 220m arc where you soar into the centre of the stadium.



NOT FOR THE FAINT HEARTED

Spider and Scorpion Walks is a very specialized field and are being offered at Thonga Beach Lodge in Kwa-Zulu Natal. This unique walk takes place after the sun has dipped behind the horizon as almost all spiders and scorpions are nocturnal. Guests meet at the activities board and are all given headlights, the walk takes app 1hr30min and with an experienced guide are sure to absorb loads of new information. Great activity for the kids and keen photographers!

UNDERWATER EXTREME

Tiger shark diving in South Africa offers an underwater rush like none other, a diving adventure to remember forever. View these impressive predators in their natural environment, up close and personal, without being confined by a cage. South Africa is one of the few countries in the world that offers cage-free diving tours with tiger sharks and strict procedures are followed to ensure diver safety at all times.



DEEP SEA ADVENTURE

South Africa is blessed with great fishing options. A Deep Sea Fishing Adventure in Durban and Kwa-Zulu Natal North Coast ticks all the boxes – a responsible skipper, great weather, deep blue sea, good company and the thrill of the chase all add up to a perfect days adventure. From Richard's Bay to Durban – you are spoilt for choice!

ASCENDING TO CHILLY HEIGHTS

South Africa may be known for its warm climate, but the country also offers some icier adventures, like ice climbing. Among the best spots for ice climbing is the southern Drakensberg, which has several routes ranging in difficulty from a fairly simple but slippery walk to advanced climbs that will challenge even the most experienced ice climbers. The three most popular routes in the Drakensberg are The Sani Pass Route, Giant's Castle and Rhino Peak.





WESTERN CAPE



UNDERGROUND EXPLORATION

Tunnel exploration is a new urban activity below the City of Cape Town. Parts of the underground canals and rivers date back to 1652 and used to supply the passing ships with fresh water. During this time Cape Town was known as 'Little Amsterdam' as these canals acted as routes of travel. Later, these rivers flowing through the city became walkways shaded by oak trees with bridges crossing them. As the years passed and the city expanded they were eventually covered up and forgotten. These tunnels, approximately two metres in diameter, are under the busy streets of the CBD and tours are accompanied by a qualified guide and a professional rescue medic.

FRANSCHHOEK WINE TRAM

The Franschhoek Wine Tram is a unique tour that lets tourists hop on and off at various wine farms in the Franschhoek Valley. The open-sided tram and open-air tram-bus stops at some of South Africa's oldest and most distinguished wine estates, while narration focuses on the history of Franschhoek and wine cultivation. Stops include wine tasting, cellar tours, lunch or a stroll through the vineyards, before continuing the tour.



FATBIKE TOURS

A fatbike, also named a wide tire bike, is a bicycle with over-sized tyres, typically 4 inches or larger and rims 65 mm or wider, that are designed for riding on soft unstable terrain such as snow and sand. There are currently two different beach-based bicycle excursions in the Overberg region (about two hours' drive from Cape Town), and both are suitable for almost anyone – you just need to be 16 years of age or older, under 120kg and taller than 150cm. The first takes cyclists from the little coastal village of De Kelders along a line of cliffs to the pristine Die Plaat beach, where riders will cruise down the coast for a little while before turning back. The second tour follows a very similar route but carries fatbikers all the way along a 20-km stretch of open, unspoiled beach to the pretty seaside hamlet of Hermanus.

MOONLIGHTING IN THE WINELANDS

Experience the cape winelands from a completely different perspective lit by moonlight! A trail by moonlight on horseback will take you back in time and offers a truly magical experience to enjoy the beauty of the Witzenberg Valley. Just 90 minutes from Cape Town, away from city light pollution guests are blown away by the brightness of the moon and fascinated by having a moonshadow.

