

SOUTH AFRICA

FAMILY TRAVEL GUIDE



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VACATIONING IN SUNNY SOUTH AFRICA WITH THE FAMILY

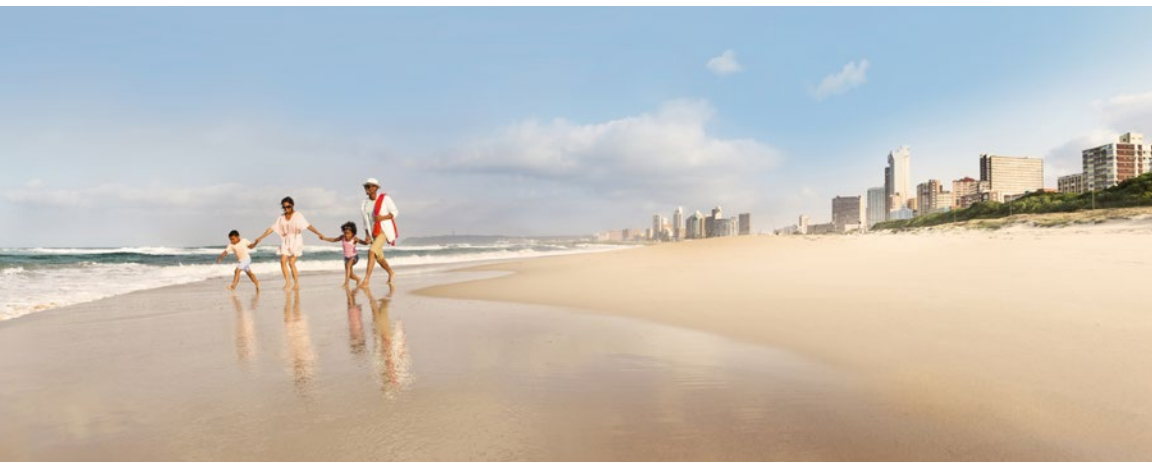


Game drives are a treat for the whole family.

Over the past few years more and more families have been visiting South Africa to experience our pristine coastlines, thriving wildlife, bustling cosmopolitan cities and scenic countryside. Whether you are travelling with youngsters or with grandma and grandpa, we know that you will have a memorable trip that will leave the whole family relaxed, rejuvenated and thrilled while exploring our beautiful country.



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South Africa is a destination that is perfect for the whole family—there is, quite literally, something for everyone, right down to the youngest member.

While South Africa has an abundance of exciting experiences, there is perhaps nothing quite as jaw-dropping as our gameviewing opportunities. If you're encountering lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos, giraffes and zebra for the first time, brace yourself—it's an awe-inspiring experience.

The Kruger National Park, one of the world's largest wildlife reserves boasting an almost unparalleled array of indigenous species, is the perfect place to begin your journey. The park is easy to navigate and affords magically close views of the wildlife. Adjacent to the Kruger National Park are the luxurious Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve, Timbavati Game Reserve and Manyeleti Game Reserve and several other five-star lodges where you can have adrenaline-charged, up-close and personal safari experiences on private guided tours.

Next stop—Cape Town! Get ready for jam-packed days filled with adventures to the V&A Waterfront and the Two Oceans Aquarium. Enjoy the sights of seals at Hout Bay, the penguins at Boulders Beach, and the breath-taking views from the top of Table Mountain. The Sea Point promenade offers seemingly endless walks along one of South Africa's most beautiful coastlines—complete with extraordinary ice cream shops, restaurants and bars. The Kirstenbosch Gardens, which forms part of the Table Mountain National Park, not only boasts incredible plant life, but also the Centenary Tree Canopy Walkway known as the Boomslang—and it's wheelchair friendly, perfect if your little ones are in a stroller.

Just outside of Johannesburg you can visit the Cradle of Humankind, a World Heritage Site that sheds light on our earliest ancestors at the delightfully interactive Maropeng. Discover more



about South Africa's rainbow nation at the Lesedi Cultural Village, and enjoy an encounter with people of Zulu, Xhosa, Pedi and Basotho origin while learning about their cultures. Gold Reef City is a great option for a day out to explore the many thrilling rides and entertainment for the whole family. If you're daring enough, then hold on tight as you board the Tower of Terror, Anaconda, Golden Loop and other exhilarating rides at the theme park. Learn more about the City of Gold and how gold was made when you go on a mining tour. Here you can experience demonstrations of pouring molten into bars of bullion—gold. If you're looking for an escape from the city head to Sun City and its Valley of Waves water park.

If you're looking for a beach holiday—don't miss Durban's Golden Mile. From the SkyCar & Viewing Platform to People's Park at Moses Mabhida Stadium to Ushaka Marine World, Durban boasts an array of family establishments and activities to keep everyone entertained. Enjoy a unique and insightful cultural experience with a guided Zulu village tour

at Isithumba Cultural Village. Adrenaline-fuelled teenagers would enjoy the nearby Karkloof Canopy Tours or a Segway Tour along the Ushaka Beachfront. Durban also offers a unique mix of Indian dishes like biryanis and pilaus, as well as the beloved bunny chow (hollowed-out quarter loaves of white bread filled with delicious curry).

There has never been a better time to experience South Africa's diverse and affordable tourist offerings. Whether you are searching for world-class safari experiences, adrenaline pumping adventures, or inspiring cultural interactions, South Africa is ready to deliver an unforgettable holiday experience for the whole family. For more fun activities for children and families to explore in South Africa, check out our [Family Travel Guide](#), available on our Instagram channel [@VisitSouthAfrica](#).

MEET THE “BIG FIVE”

In South Africa, the Big Five game animals are the **lion, leopard, rhinoceros** (both south-central black and southern white species), **elephant**, and **Cape buffalo**. The African continent is the only place in the world where big game still roams freely in great numbers.



Lion



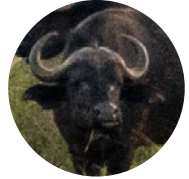
Leopard



Rhinoceros



Elephant



Cape Buffalo

Lions enjoy relaxing and lazing around. They **sleep** and rest about 20 hours a day.

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Most lions drink **water** daily if available but can go four or five days without it.

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Lions usually live in groups of 10 or 15 animals called “**prides**”.

Leopards’ **ears** are five times more powerful than human ears.

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Leopards are skilled **climbers**, and like to rest in the branches of trees during the day.

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Nocturnal animals, leopards are active at night when they venture out in search for food.

Rhinos can weigh up to **3,500 pounds**.

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For such a big animal, rhinos really know how to run. They are the fastest mammals and can charge up to **35 miles per hour**.

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Female rhinos are pregnant for a period of **15-16 months**.

An elephant’s trunk has more than **40,000 muscles**, which they use to help them suck up water for drinking or to pick up or touch objects.

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On certain parts of its body, an elephant’s skin is **an inch thick**.

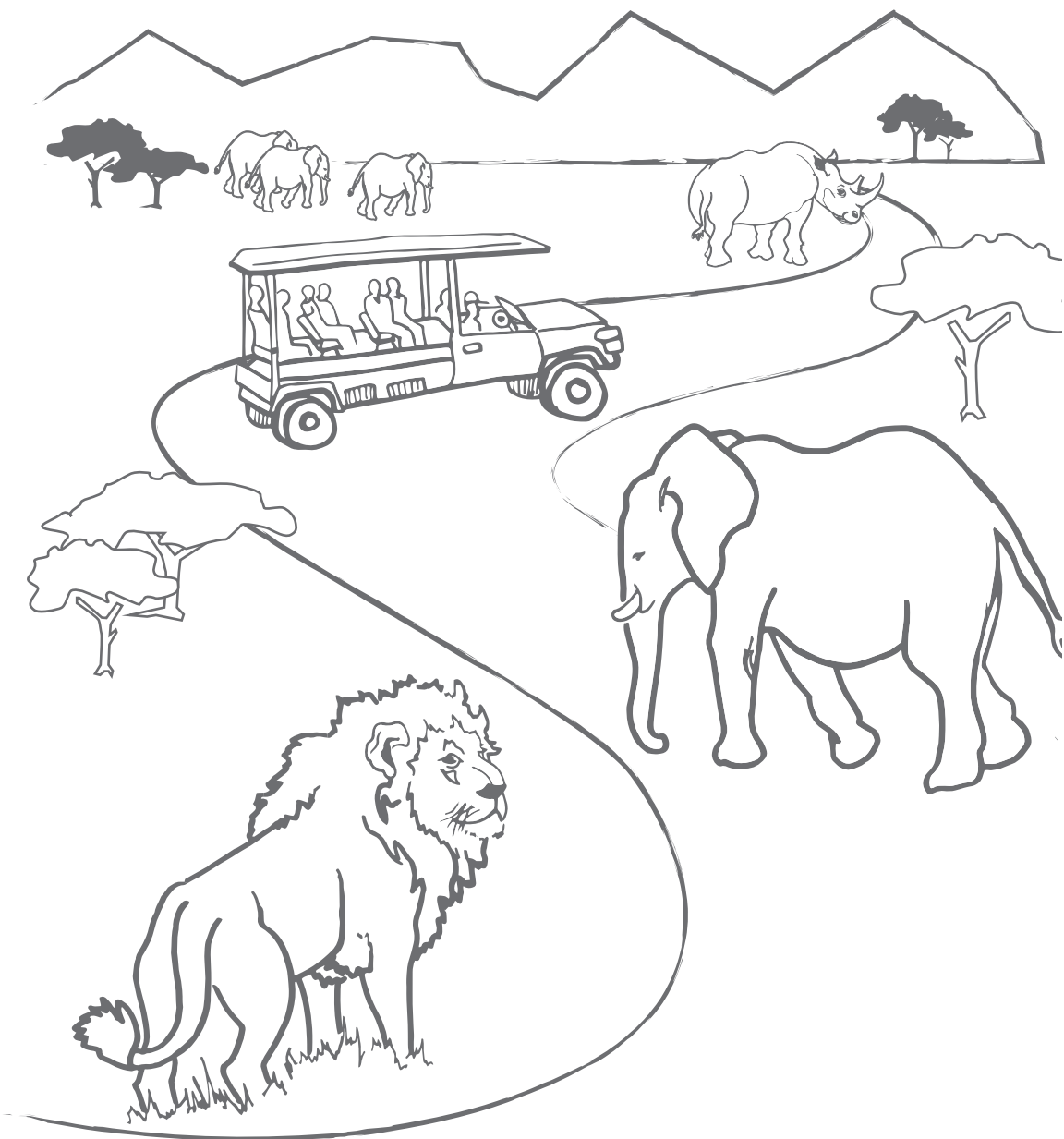
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To **stay cool**, elephants flap their ears, which serve as a heat radiator.

Cape Buffalo are one of Africa’s largest and most **dangerous** mammals.

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Cape Buffalo are so strong they can tip over a car! Males can weigh up to **2,000 pounds**.

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Cape Buffalo enjoy playing in the water, and use **mud as sunscreen**.





UNTOUCHED WILDLIFE SAFARI

South Africa's BIG 5 (the lion, elephant, buffalo, rhinoceros and leopard) can be spotted on safari throughout the country.



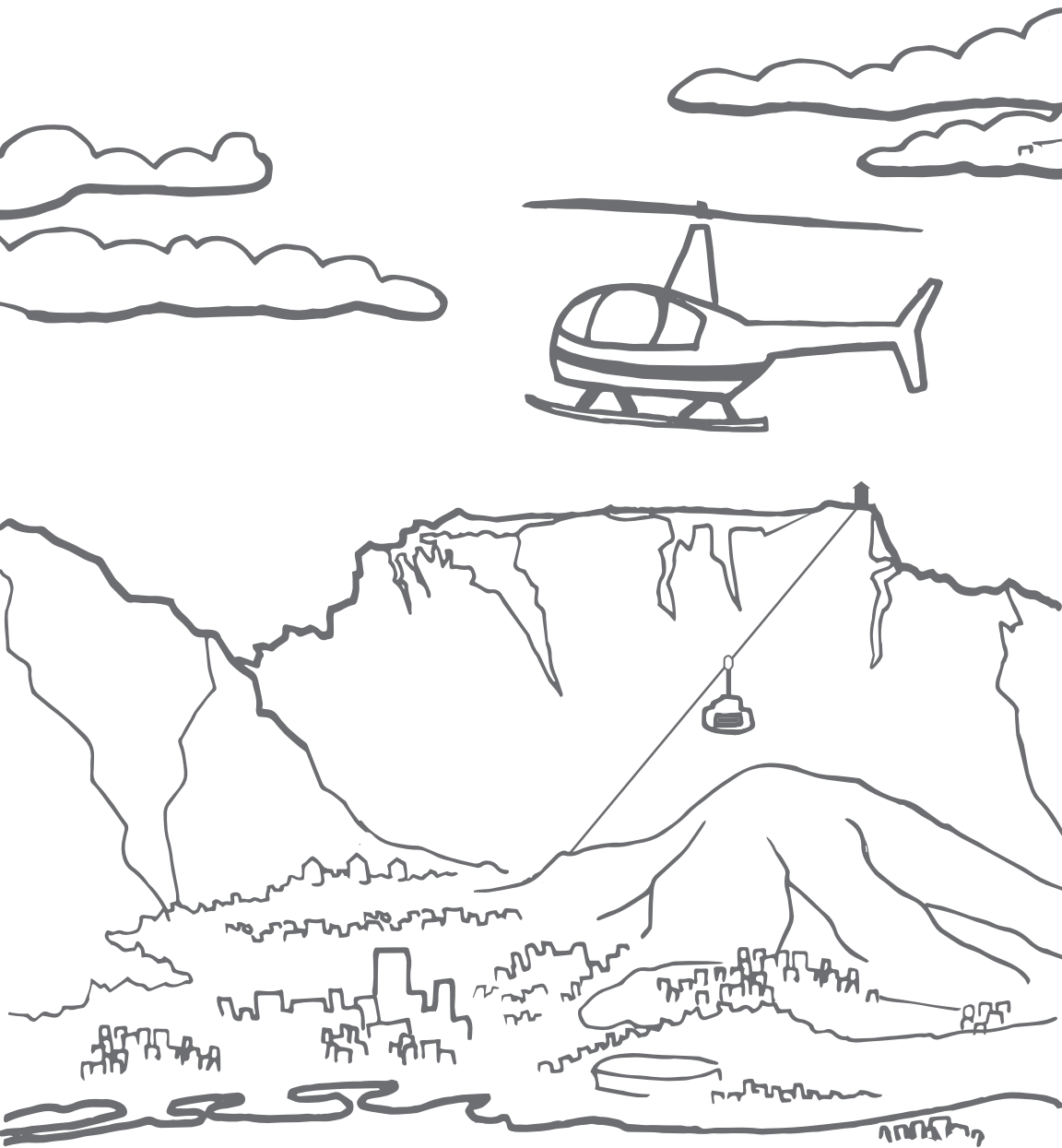
OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND

If you're looking for a real adventure, you can get up close and personal with great white sharks by doing a cage dive.



VIBRANT CULTURE

The Ndebele tradition and vibrant style of house painting is passed down from generation to generation by mothers to their daughters.



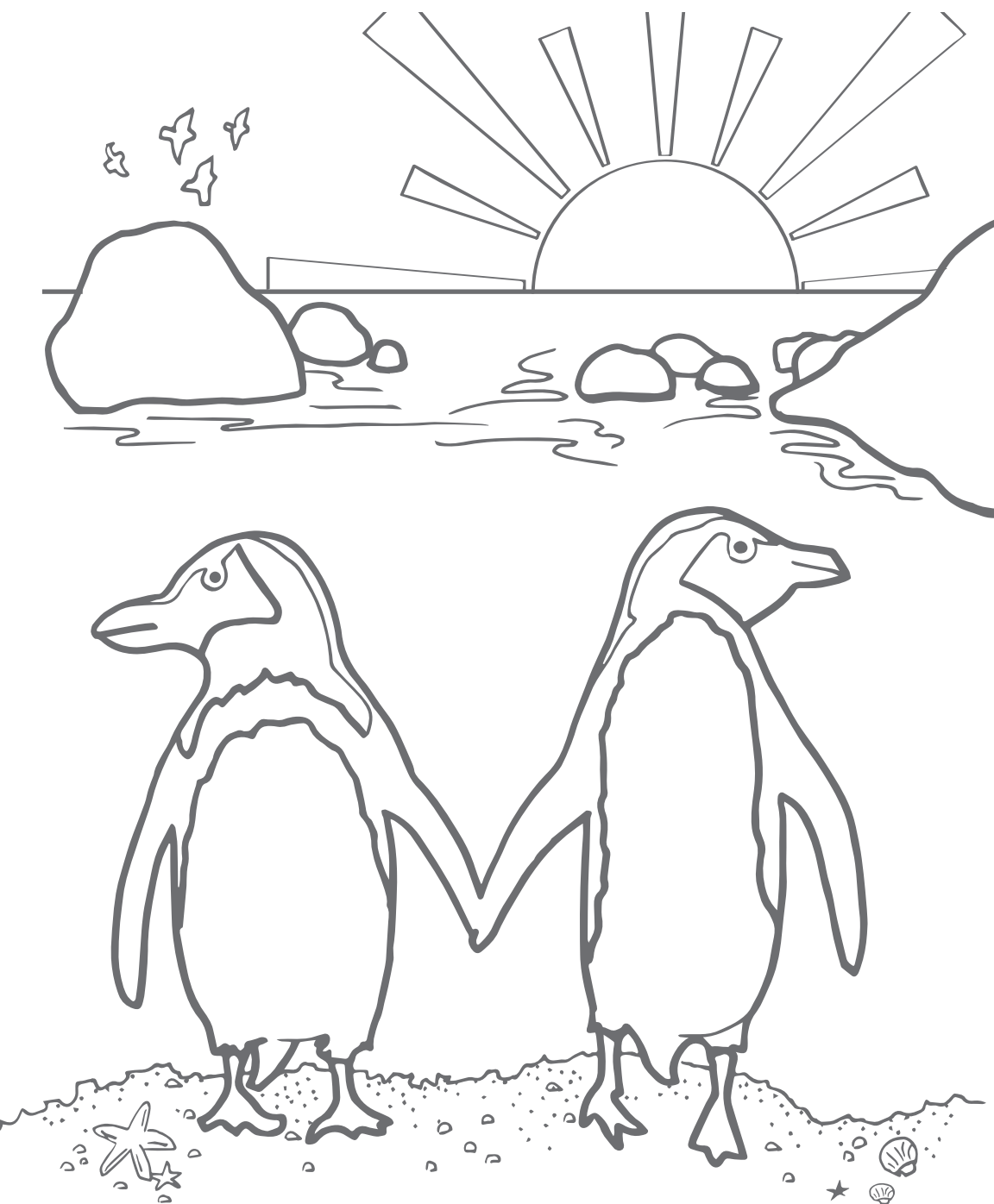
BUSTLING CITY LIFE

Cape Town is known as The Mother City and is home to one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature, Table Mountain.



BREATHTAKING SCENERY

Route 62 running throughout the Cape Winelands is the world's longest wine route with more than 70 wine stops to explore.



SUN-SOAKED COASTLINES

Boulders Beach is home to a colony of thousands of African penguins and is the perfect spot to soak up some sunshine.