

Crystal Lagoons is bringing their azure blue waters to SA

Think crystal clear turquoise water, fine white sandy beaches, sun kissed couples enjoying the relaxation of a sailboat or the thrills of a jet-ski, children splashing and laughing, friends lounging in the sun...

These images might make your mind jump to a holiday at the ocean, but according to multinational innovation company Crystal Lagoons, this kind of beachside paradise can be enjoyed just about anywhere. On a lake, in a park, in the middle of the city or even in the middle of the Karoo.

Crystal Lagoons create man-made crystalline lagoons of an unlimited size that are fast becoming the new normal for recreational water developments around the world. Crystal Lagoons use state-of-the-art technology to ensure their lagoons use only 2% of the energy needed by conventional filtration systems and 30 times less water than a golf course, thereby ensuring that they remain environmentally friendly while delivering a waterfront heaven that everyone can enjoy.

Crystal Lagoons is currently in negotiations to sign a deal for the first lagoon in Southern Africa, so we can expect to see these azure blue waters at home. Here is a list of a few of the world's Crystal Lagoons:

The Citystars Sharm El Sheikh



Egypt has long been considered one of the top tourist destinations in the world, and one of Africa's most sought-after holiday spots - from the magnificent Great Pyramids to the rolling desert hills and ancient city centres. Egypt has something for everyone. Thrill seekers can explore the famous Red Sea, one of the top scuba diving spots in the world, romantics can enjoy a cruise along the Nile River and history buffs can roam through sprawling cities whose architecture will make you feel like you've travelled back in time.

Crystal Lagoon in Egypt is an oasis in the middle of the desert. The lagoon is located in a 750-hectare site that will eventually feature a complex made up of 30,000 residential units, hotels, golf courses, museums, restaurants and even a shopping mall. The resort has superb panoramic views of Egyptian desert backdrop. The lagoon is perfect for swimming, water sports and catching some sun while relaxing on its pristine white sand beaches. This lagoon even holds the new Guinness Record for the world's largest man-made body of water. You can dive into its turquoise waters after enjoying a day in Egypt's sizzling desert.

Diamante Cabo San Lucas Resort, Mexico



Mexico's diverse landscape of mountains, deserts, jungles and beaches make it the perfect destination for just about anyone. So it's no surprise that Mexico has traditionally been one of the most visited countries in the world. The country's energy is contagious. Cultural festivals offer exhilarating fun for young visitors, while ancient ruins and colonial cities bring a historic atmosphere to the vibrant and modern cities.

Cabo San Lucas is known as a high-energy city, full of young visitors enjoying the areas world-famous clubs at night and its white sandy beaches by day. The city, full of restaurants, resorts and tourist attractions, has everything a holiday-maker could possibly desire.

The Diamante resort's 10-hectare Crystal Lagoon provide views of the Pacific Ocean and is part of a luxury complex that offers relaxation and family activities at the heart of Cabo San Lucas. There is something for everyone here; from sunning yourself on the lagoon's white beaches to sailing, swimming, and stand-up paddling or kayaking in the crystal clear waters. You can even enjoy a round of golf on either a Jack Nicklaus or Tiger Woods championship course.

Treasure Bay, Indonesia



An archipelago of picturesque islands, Indonesia is a tourist's dream destination. For those seeking the deserted island life, it doesn't get better than this. Bintan is part of the Riau Islands province, just a short 45-minute trip by catamaran from the capital of Singapore. The island has beach-front international hotels and resorts and its ideal tropical environment is being promoted as the next 'Bali' of the booming tourist haven of South East Asia.

Known as 'A Gem of Possibilities', the 6.3-hectare Crystal Lagoon is South-East Asia's first and largest recreational crystal clear sea-water body. Besides being a visual feast in one of the most beautiful locations in the world, it is also an adventurer's dream, with a wide range of recreational and interactive water activities, including swimming, kayaking, paddle-boarding and sailing. Treasure Bay integrates leisure, entertainment, nightlife, retail and health and wellness experiences to ensure that your holiday fun doesn't have to end when the sun goes down.

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