

7 secluded, self-catering getaways to take advantage of now leisure travel is open in SA

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Current tourism trends show that travellers are looking for relaxed, close to home getaways in natural, eco-friendly environments. The Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown have entrenched these trends even further. After being cooped up inside, travellers are looking for natural, nature-filled retreats in secluded spaces that don't impact too negatively on the environment.



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The following seven accommodation options in the Western Cape tick many of those travel trend boxes and are perfect for a social distancing getaway.

Treedom Villas and Vardos – Wilderness

The recently-built eco-friendly Treedom Villas and Vardos in the beautiful Wilderness area along the popular Garden Route is a great spot for some serious R&R. Offering a self-catering two-storied, two-bedroomed villa and entertainment braai area, Treedom is a perfect family retreat.



Treedom along the Garden Route ticks all the right travel trend boxes

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What makes it special? An outdoor spa area with sauna and showers.

For more info or to make a booking go to www.treedomvillas.co.za



Platbos Forest Reserve – between Gansbaai and Hermanus

If you're looking for the ultimate immersion in nature and seclusion look no further than Platbos Forest Reserve. Situated in an ancient Milkwood Forest between Gansbaai and Hermanus, Platbos offers a variety of off-the-grid, eco-friendly glamping accommodation options for various budgets.



A forest getaway at Platbos

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What makes it special? Beautiful surroundings, many lush walking trails and a wood-fired outdoor hot tub.

For more info or to make a booking go to www.platbos.co.za



South Hills Vineyard houseboat – Elgin

For water-lovers South Hill Vineyards new houseboat accommodation in Elgin is a perfect getaway. Situated on the largest dam on their estate, a stay at the refurbished houseboat includes tons of water sports, such as fishing, stand-up paddling and kayaking.



South Hill Vineyards' chic new houseboat is the perfect getaway for nature lovers and water babies

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What makes it special? SUPs, kayaks and other water sports equipment is included in the price of the stay.

For more info or to make a booking go to southhill.co.za/accommodation/house-boat



Akasha Mountain Retreat - Heidelberg

Akasha Mountain Retreat perched in the Heidelberg Mountains is a spacious Moroccan dream house with absolutely breathtaking views of Langeberg and the Duiwenhoks Dam. Offering accommodation for up to eight people, it's an ideal getaway for a group of friends or large family gatherings.



Reboot at Akasha Mountain Retreat

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What makes it special? Breathtaking views plus wild horses roam the property.

For more info or to make a booking go to www.akasharetreat.co.za



Spanish Farm Guest Lodge – Somerset West

For luxurious, spacious, self-catering living, the boutique villas at Cape Summer Villas' Spanish Farm Guest Lodge can't be beaten. A home away from home, these villas offer fully equipped state of the art kitchens, private pools, outdoor showers and indoor fireplaces.



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What makes it special? Underfloor heating, outdoor showers, natural water plunge pools and the most stunning views of False Bay upon generous terraces.

For more info or to make a booking go to capesummervillas.co.za



Africamps

Africamps offers many boutique glamping accommodation options across the country. From Plett to the Midlands, each Africamps site offers a super-slick set-up with all the amenities you could think of – from microwave to electric blanket, yet all housed in a super cute yet spacious canvas tent in some truly stunning natural settings around the country.



Boutique glamping at Africamps at Pat Busch

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What makes it special? Instagram cute glamping in some beautiful natural surroundings.

For more info or to make a booking go to www.africamps.com



De Hoop Nature Reserve - Overberg

The De Hoop Nature Reserve in the Overberg region offers a variety of accommodation options for different budgets, from lux boutique rooms to rustic self-catering chalets, all housed on the expansive world heritage site nature reserve.



Whiling away days at De Hoop - a nature lover's respite

Lauren Hartzenberg 21 May 2018



What makes it special? Besides sightings of bontebok, eland, ostriches, zebra and more, De Hoop is best known for offering some of the best land-based whale watching in the world.

For more info or to make a booking go to www.dehoopcollection.com



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