



South Africa

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A&K South Africa

We have two ground offices in South Africa, located in Johannesburg and Cape Town. Therefore, on an A&K South Africa holiday, your clients will be dealing with A&K and A&K only.

Insider access

Using our ground-level local knowledge, our insider access identifies hidden aspects of a destination, enabling your clients to be privy to the excitement of rare and authentic experiences.

24 Hour contact

24-hour phone and email contact, for every client travelling to Africa, for assistance at any time of the day or night.

A&K guides

Educated and engaging, our award-winning guides have extensive knowledge of the history, food, wine, indigenous culture and the arts allowing them to adapt each journey to a client's interests.

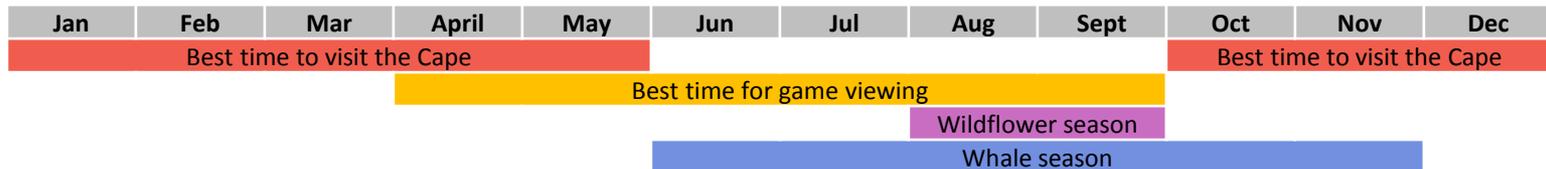
Long-standing relationships

Born in Africa in 1962, we have worked hard to build local relationships that can increase chances of preferential treatment such as room upgrades, priority check-in and flexible check-out times.

South Africa – What to see where & when



-  **Wine** Franschhoek, Stellenbosch, Constantia, Paarl
-  **Safari** Kruger, Madikwe, Waterberg, Eastern Cape, Kalahari Desert, Phinda Game Reserve
-  **Culture** Cape Town, Johannesburg
-  **Food** Cape Town, Garden Route
-  **Train** Pretoria
-  **Whales** Hermanus, Garden Route
-  **Golf** KwaZulu-Natal





Cities

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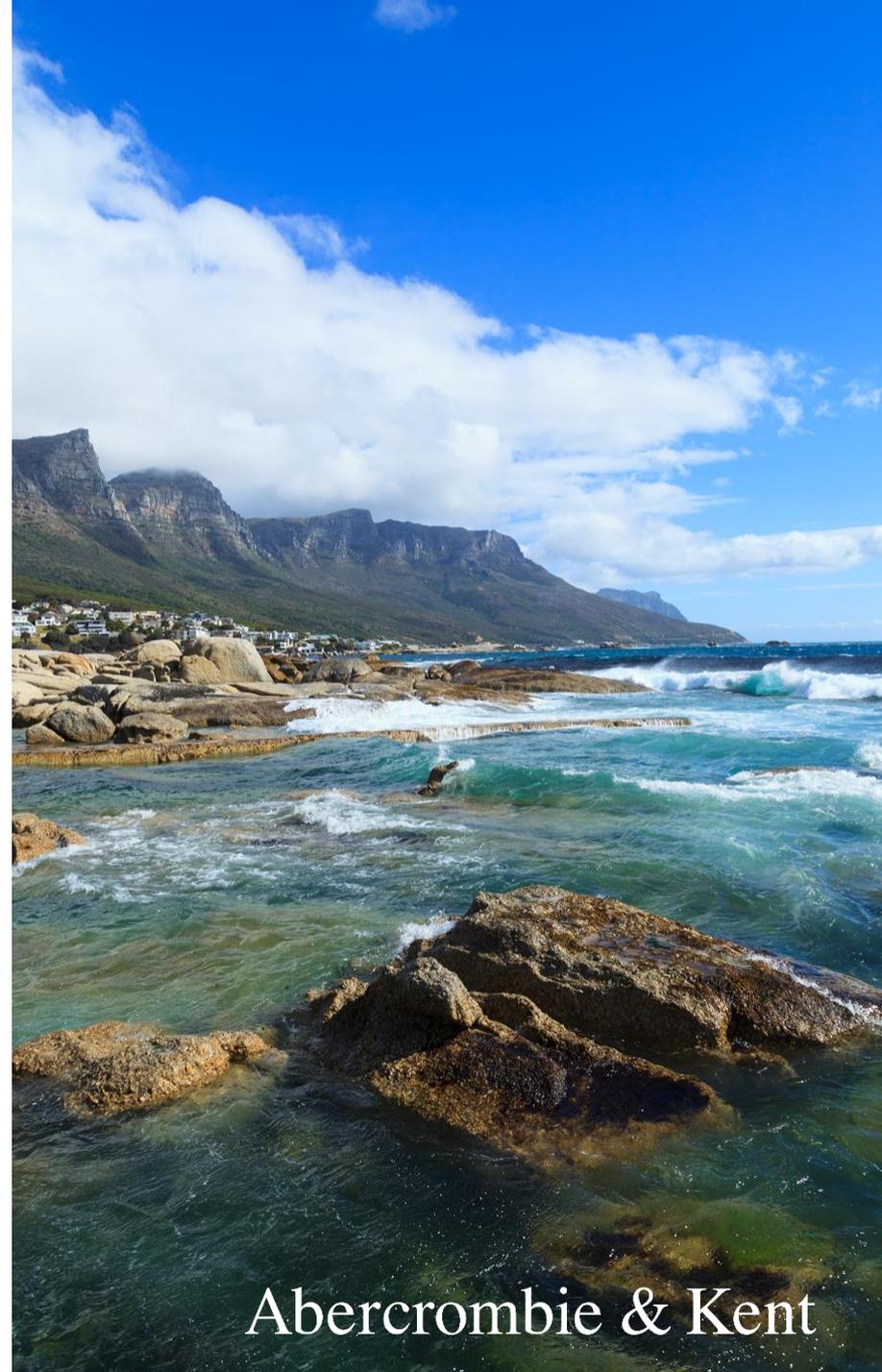
Cape Town

The A&K way:

- Enjoy a private sundowner drink on top of Table Mountain watching the sunset over Lion's Head and Robben Island
- Explore the city in the company of a private guide who will tailor make the day's activities according to individual interest
- Discover shark cage diving at aptly named 'Shark Alley' in the company of experts and researchers

Where to stay:

- [Cape Grace](#) – Part of The Leading Hotels of the World group – offers stunning views and a family friendly approach
- [One&Only Cape Town](#) – Situated in the heart of Victoria & Albert waterfront, this is the perfect base for exploring the city. Family friendly
- [Kensington Place](#) – Small and exclusive, set on the foothills of Table Mountain



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Johannesburg

The A&K way:

- On a guided walking tour, take a trip downtown, wander through traditional local markets and discover the vibrant street art scene
- Apartheid Museum is a must visit. In the company of an A&K guide, gain a chilling insight into the architecture and history of the struggle towards democracy
- Visit Constitution Hill, the story of modern Africa with an inspiring back story including Nelson Mandela and Gandhi

Where to stay:

- [Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa](#) – A chic urban sanctuary where clients can indulge at the Balinese-style spa
- [Saxon Boutique Hotel & Villas](#) – Experience gourmet dining on this exclusive ten-acre estate
- [131 on Herbert Baker Boutique Hotel](#) – Unique boutique option with only seven rooms



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Pretoria – South Africa by rail

Just an hour outside of Johannesburg, this is the starting point for some of South Africa's most renowned rail journeys.

[The Blue Train](#)

- Modern
- CPT – Pretoria – 27 hrs
- Movies, DVDs and CDs
- Wi-Fi
- Formal attire for dinner
- Luxury suites with baths

[Rovos Rail](#)

- Nostalgic
- CPT – Pretoria – 48 hrs
- No televisions, radios
- Smart/casual in the day
- Formal attire for dinner (jacket & tie for men and evening dress for ladies)



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The Garden Route & Winelands

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The A&K way:

- Self-drive – Great way to see The Garden Route running from Mossel Bay and Storms River. A&K can arrange it all for you from the car to the restaurant guide
- Tailored day of wine tasting with unique access to wine states on a walking tour of Stellenbosch
- With an A&K guide, go horse-riding across Rheboksloop Estate to see Giraffe House, finished off with a Huhuenot fine chocolate tasting

Where to stay:

- [The Plettenburg](#) – Option of private villas or a room in the main hotel, plus an award-winning wine cellar
- [Tsala Tree Tops](#) – Hidden away in the trees, this is a unique experiences and great stop off for the Garden Route
- [The Turbine](#) – Boutique hotel, once an old mill. Small, intimate and soulful



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A&K Guide to South African Wines

<u>Region</u>	<u>Why we love it</u>	<u>Where to stay</u>
Franschhoek	Franschhoek, 'French Corner' in Afrikaans, is understandably one of the country's most visited wine regions. This is your gourmet capital of South Africa and full of history, art, endless fine dining options and stylish accommodation.	Leeu Estate
Stellenbosch	Like the French versus the Dutch, Stellenbosch offers a more laid-back alternative to Franschhoek. Situated on the banks of the Eerste River and home to one of South Africa's oldest universities, here you will find wines ranking among the best in the world. Surrounded by beautiful architecture and a bustling nightlife, this is a great location for younger travellers.	Oude Werf Hotel
Constantia	Dating back to 1685, this is the country's oldest wine region and boasts eight award-winning wine estates. Only 15km out of Cape Town, this is the perfect option for those short on time or looking for a low-key afternoon outside the city. Expect picnics, live music and festivals in the warmer months.	Steenberg Hotel
Paarl	An idyllic country retreat. Packed full of history and culture and surrounded by mountains and nature reserves. Paarl not only offers award-winning wines but a variety of other attractions, including Drakenstein Prison, where Nelson Mandela spent his last years of captivity.	Babylonstoren



Wildlife

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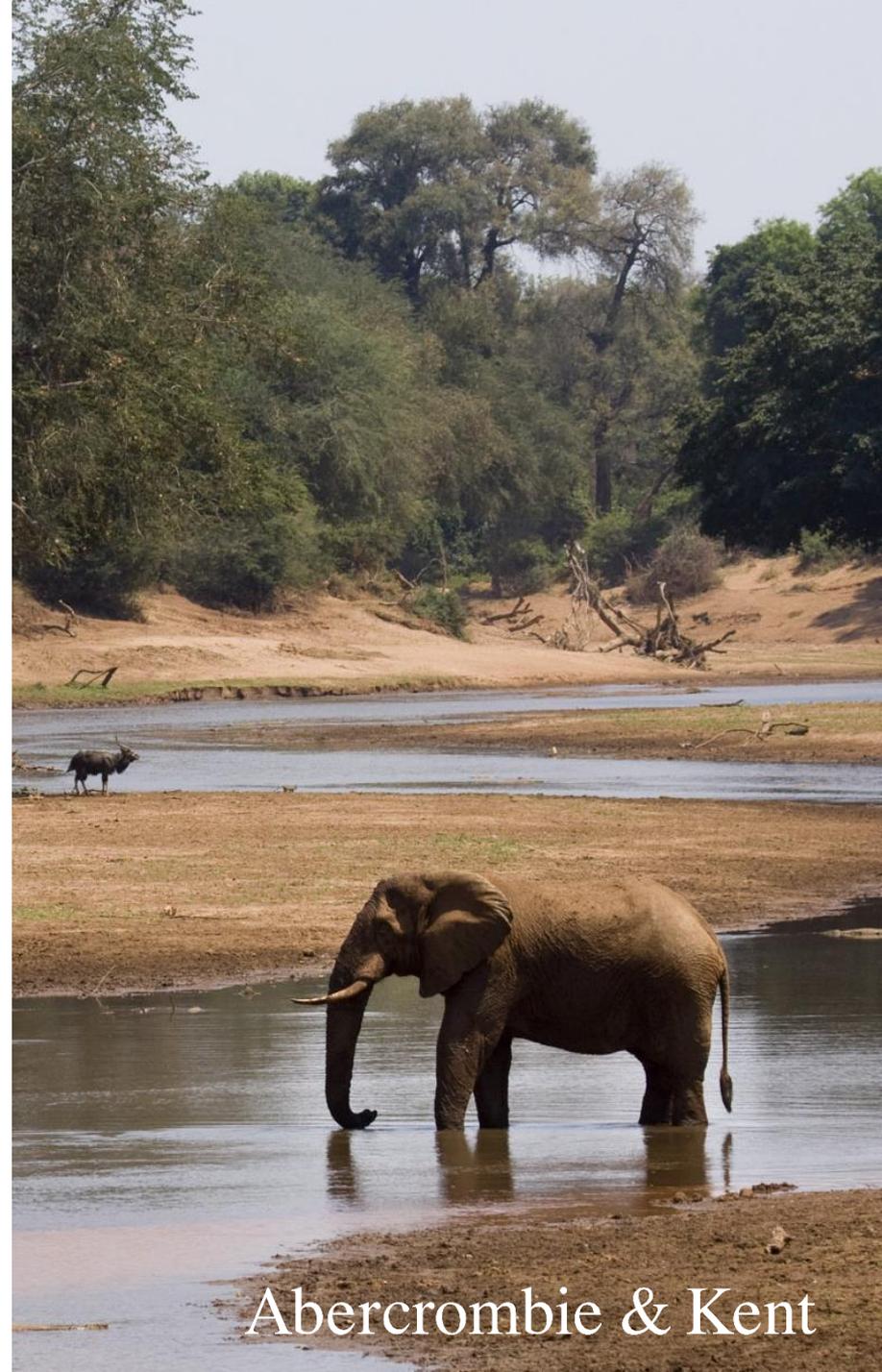
Kruger

USPs:

- Biggest National Park in South Africa
- Variety of price categories
- Home to an impressive 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals
- All-year-round destination, with each season bringing its own highlights.

Where to stay:

- [Dulini River Lodge](#) – Game viewing right on your door step with a river right in front of the lodge
- [Leopard Hills](#) – located in the famous Sabi Sands game reserve, great for honeymoons
- [Londolozi Founders Camp](#) – Ideally located on a river with a unique children's programme



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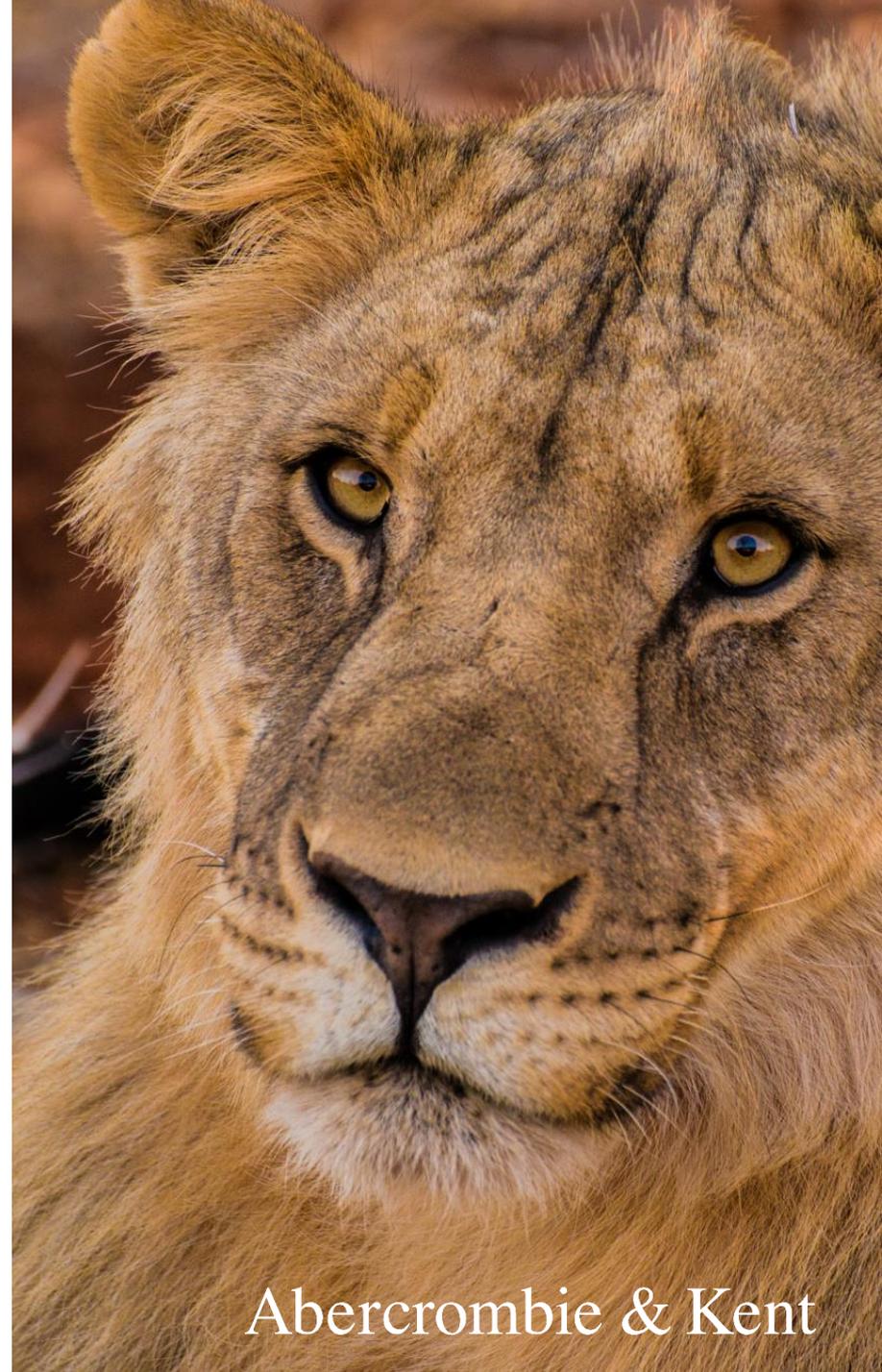
Madikwe & Waterberg

USPs:

- Famous for ecotourism and conservation
- Malaria-free
- Big Five
- Great option for family safaris

Where to stay:

- [Sanctuary Makanyane](#) - Comprised of eight luxurious and secluded suites, overlooking a river
- [Ant's Hill](#) – Situated within Waterberg, colonial design and fabulous horse-riding safaris
- [Molori Safari Lodge](#) – Private and uniquely designed. Option of night drives with night vision goggles with hi-tech torches



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Eastern Cape

USPs:

- Game reserves: Shamwari, Kwandwe and Phinda
- Malaria-free
- Born Free Foundation
- Ideal for first safari trips
- Great for families

Where to stay:

- [&Beyond Phinda Forest Lodge](#) – An eco-luxe retreat set in the heart of a sand forest
- [Kwandwe Ecca Lodge](#) – A small, intimate lodge, perfect for families
- [Shamwari Eagles Cragg](#) – Open game vehicles and private plunge pools with each suite



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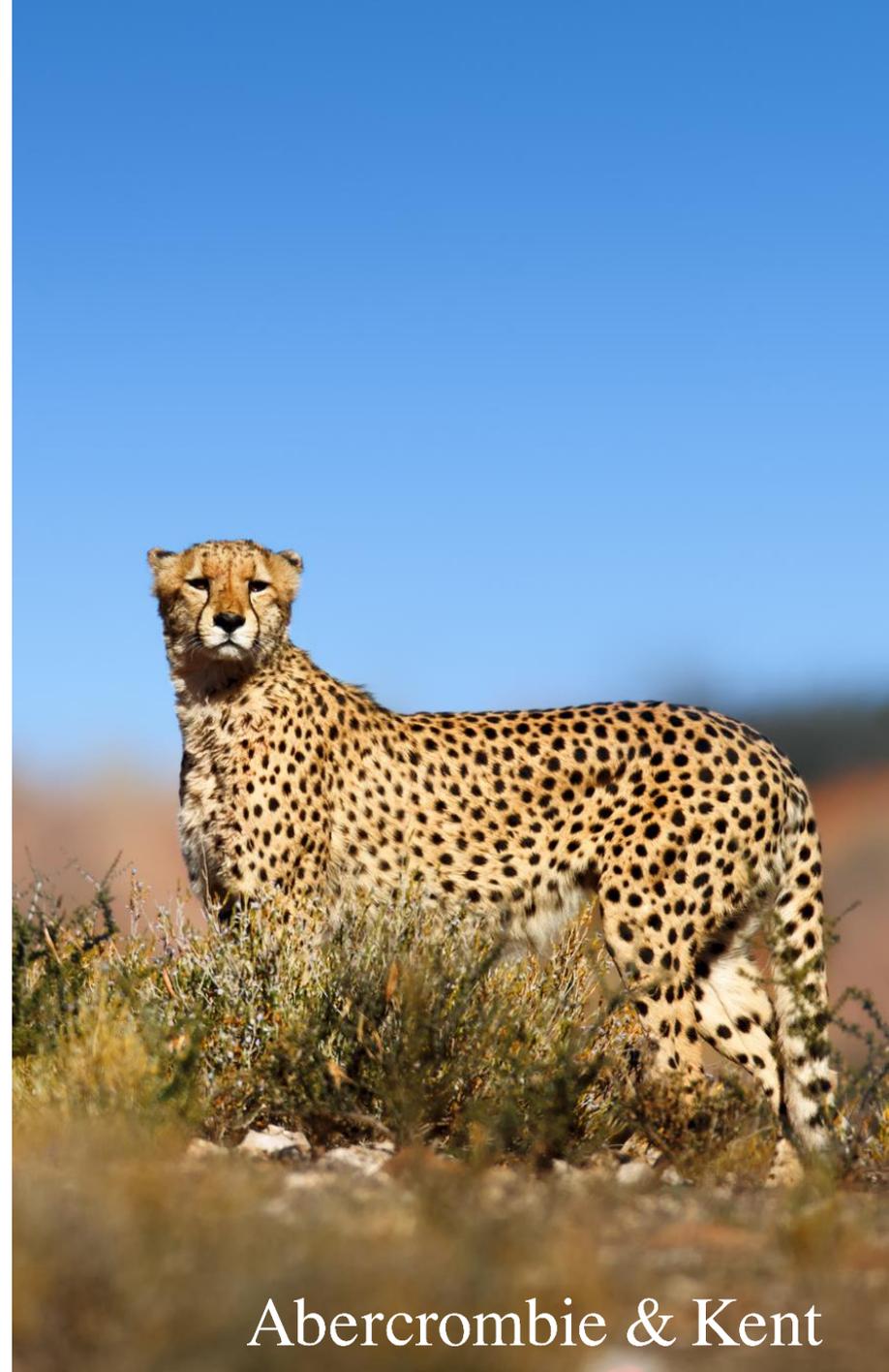
Kalahari Desert

USPs:

- Unique desert wildlife
- Walking with bushman
- Meerkat Manor
- Dine al fresco with dinner on the dunes

Where to stay:

- [Tswalu Kalahari](#) – Member of prestigious Relais & Chateaux, their two properties offer barefoot luxury in the wilderness
- [Bushmans' Kloof Wilderness Reserve & Wellness Retreat](#) – Remote and dramatic landscapes, described as 'The World's largest open-air gallery'



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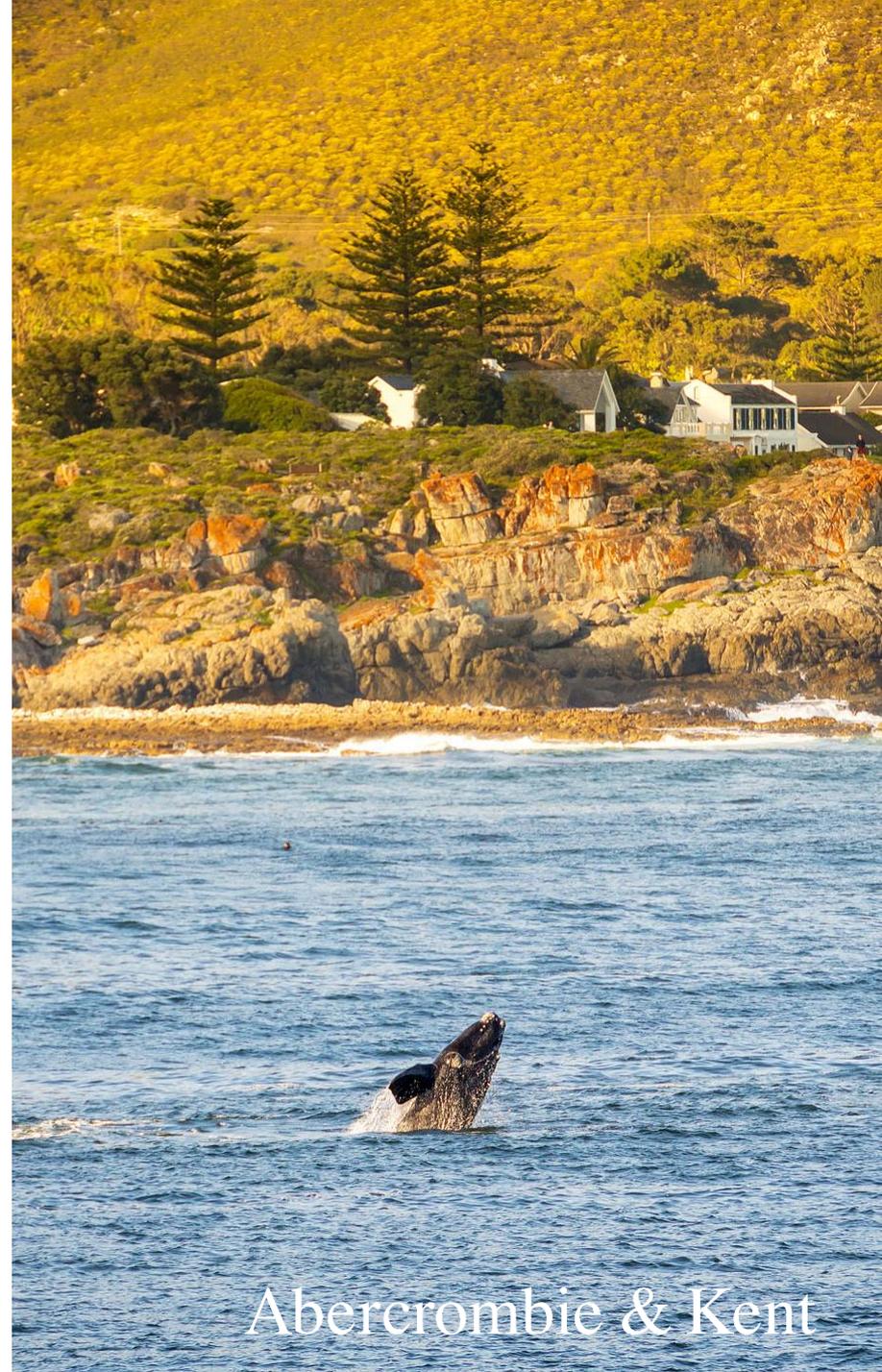
Hermanus

USPs:

- Whale watching – between June and September
- Flower safaris including fynbos nature tours and excursions to ancient archaeological caves
- Incredible walking and hiking terrain

Where to stay:

- [Birkenhead House](#) – From this chic clifftop hotel, the views of Walker Bay or Overberg Mountains are spectacular
- [The Marine](#) – Welcomes children of all ages. This is a great base to explore Hermanus with views overlooking the bay
- [Grootbos](#) - Located close to the seaside town of Gansbaai. Set amongst indigenous fynbos and milkwood trees



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Family
experiences

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A taster

Aquarium tour, Cape Town – Families are able to marvel in a behind-the-scenes look at The Two Oceans Aquarium, home to a diversity of marine life

Family picnic and game, Winelands

– A serene setting for a family picnic. An afternoon for both parents and kids to enjoy

Bread-making, Franschhoek – Join the Môreson team in their bread-making courses, where the adults and children learn to make the perfect bread followed by a chocolate demonstration and tasting at Huguenot Fine Chocolates

Elefun centre, Sabi Sabi – The centre is filled with learning opportunities and age-appropriate bushveld-themed activities and experiences. All designed and supervised by qualified staff



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Sample itineraries

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All A&K tailor-made itineraries can be adapted to your client's request.

Discover South Africa: 12 nights from £2,750pp

The perfect introduction to South Africa's Cape. Self-drive around the west country, exploring the Winelands and the fabulous city of Cape Town. For clients looking for an educational experience, we offer authentic and boutique hotels.

Classic South Africa: 17 nights from £6,780pp

A little bit of everything South Africa has to offer. From Cape Town to the Winelands. Onto whale-spotting in Hermanus Bay, hiking, biking and surfing in Plettenberg and up to Sabi Sands to tick off the Big Five. This is ideal for clients who are wanting to experience the best luxury chain hotels with their own guide and enhanced experiences.

Want more? We can help arrange an extension to the stunning beaches of Mozambique to top it all off.

Small Group – Southern Africa safari by river & rail 12 nights from £11,215pp

Departure dates: January – April & September - December

Don't forget our extensive Small Group Journey portfolio. The ultimate safari experience - having explored Cape Town, journey in style on board Rovos rail up to the Zambezi River and Victoria Falls where clients can enjoy the newly renovated Sanctuary Chief's camp.



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Chris' Top Tip

“There is so much variety in South Africa, and many boutique and cost-effective options both in terms of activities and properties – particularly along the Garden Route and Cape Town, it can be overwhelming. A good place to start is A&K’s Discover itinerary. Together we’ll be able to sort out some amazing and quirky experiences, to really set your clients apart from the rest!”



Robert Mason

SENIOR TRAVEL SPECIALIST

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Robert's Top Tip

“One of the keys to selling South African trips successfully is to manage clients’ expectations in terms of availability in busy periods. Whilst there are opportunities to visit year-round, a huge proportion of bookings are concentrated into the summer holidays, Christmas and New Year. Understanding the client’s requirements clearly whilst avoiding pushing individual properties can really help us to work around the availability issues and create a trip that will wow your clients.”



Thank you

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