



October 2013 - Family Travel

There is nothing more rewarding and enriching than witnessing your children's first encounters with wildlife. These family experiences promise that together with your children, you may discover and enjoy these wonders; and where lifelong bonding memories can be made. The below listed luxury establishments are wonderful family destinations and very child-friendly.

Best Regards,
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Great Accommodation Spots for Families

Cape Grace

The child-friendly facilities, willing staff and V&A Waterfront location provide the ideal base for families to explore the wonders of the Cape. Kids receive welcome gifts, colouring-in and activity books. There is Story Time in the library, gingerbread man painting, heated swimming pool, children's DVDs, Nintendo Wii and X-Box, and Cartoon Network, books and games. Enquire about the "Family Time Package" which offers a number of complimentary add-ons (on a minimum stay of 3 consecutive nights).



One & Only Cape Town

One&Only Cape Town extends a gracious welcome to families. Children aged four and over are welcome to participate in KidsOnly activities (centred on themed days) with the supervision of an adult or babysitter. There is a separate programme of activities geared to the interests and activity levels of older children aged 12 to 17. Highlights include: 100 square metres of designated space for arts and crafts, movie and video game lounge, reading area, and a computer area with the latest technology.



Bushmans Kloof

The family Villa, Koro Lodge, is perfect for families with children of all ages. Located approximately 4 kilometres from the main lodge, and within easy walking distance of one of the main dams, Koro Lodge is completely private and includes the services of a dedicated Chef and Guide. A special fun-filled children's programme will be offered to entertain and stimulate the young ones. The new Niven Family Deluxe Room at Bushmans Kloof is also ideal for families. It consists of a master bedroom with king-size bed, a secondary room (easily converted into twin or double), two en-suite bathrooms and a gorgeous private terrace.



Grootbos

Children of all ages are welcome at Garden Lodge which has specially developed outdoor adventure and eco-friendly activities for children. There is a dedicated play room and an educational room. The beautifully kept horse stables and outdoor play area with rabbits, ducks and other friendly farm animals provides children with hours of entertainment. Set apart and completely surrounded by pristine fynbos, the Villa consists of six elegant suites accommodating up to 12 guests. Here you can relax in utter luxury and comfort, with your own private guide, chef and butler and enjoy all that Grootbos has to offer.



River Bend Lodge

Trained child minders take care of kids while you relax and enjoy the beauty of the Addo Elephant National Park and make use of the luxury facilities at the Lodge. There are mobile playrooms with age appropriate toys, and the Mini-Rangers programme offers fun and educational activities. Between game drives children are welcome to join the chef in the kitchen in making a variety of delicious baked goods. The Plumbago Spa offers a variety of kiddies' treatments such as manicures, pedicures and massages.



Hunters Country House

The Country House is the perfect family getaway. It is a fun, secure place for children of all ages to play and have a holiday where even the youngest of guests is pampered. For the younger children, Cubs Corner is a designated area with a small paddling pool, climbing frames, sand pit and the Cubhouse, where they can watch videos, paint, draw and play games. Cubs Corner caters for children 0-8 years. For the older children the Teen Scene area offers them a chill lounge to escape to, play darts, pool, watch DVD's and relax.



Ants Collection

Ant's Nest and Ant's Hill allows children of all ages to join their parents on all game viewing activities, so you can witness their first encounters with wildlife. There is a selection of wonderful ponies catering to both the novice and experienced child rider. Both lodges have various facilities ideal for kids, such as the heated swimming pool, a trampoline, sand pits, a badminton and volley ball net with a selection of toys and books. Children are welcome to join their parents for dinner. Alternatively, special suppers or meal times can be arranged.



GENERAL UPDATES

As of 1 November Tswalu Kalahari will be using the Signature hangar as its fixed base operation for all flights to/from Cape Town. The 12h00 departure time to Tswalu remains unchanged. Services offered at the new facility include: VIP passenger lounge, complimentary snacks and beverages, shower facilities, amongst others.

Le Quartier Francais has completed some upgrades and new features. The sunny, new Garden Breakfast Room is a beautiful, inviting space that opens up onto the rambling gardens through wide glass doors. It is open from 07h00 to 11h00.

The Plettenberg reopened on the 20th of September, after some extensive renovation work over the winter months. The reception area has been restyled and more inter-leading family rooms have been created.

As of the 1st of September, Marataba Safari Company has joined The More Hotels Collection. The Lodge comprises 15 luxury tents, operates in an exclusive 23 000-hectare Big 5 Reserve; and is 3 hours drive north of Johannesburg.

Airlink is set to launch direct flights to Skukuza airport in the Kruger National Park, commencing June 2014. This will see the re-establishment of scheduled air services to one of the country's most visited tourist attractions.

FORTHCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS



- 24Oct The Cape Philharmonic Orchestra presents the Summer Symphony Season (works by Brahms, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Beethoven, Berlioz, Connesson, Schumann, Elgar & Sibelius).
- 27Oct SA's greatest rock band, Prime Circle, live at Hillcrest Quarry, set on the edge of a lake.
- 31Oct Wine & Dine "Bubbly Dinner" at Planet Restaurant at the iconic Mount Nelson Hotel (includes seven courses and a glass of wine with each course).
- 03Nov Simple Minds - Scotland's most successful rock group, Grand West Arena.
- 30Nov - 01Dec Dave Matthews Band live - in support of its latest album, Away From The World, which Rolling Stone named as one of the Top 50 Albums of 2012.
- 02Nov Suzanne Nadine Vega is an American songwriter and singer known for her eclectic folk-inspired music.
- 02Nov - 03Nov Cape Town 18th International Kite Festival, attracts over 20 000 visitors, held in Muizenberg.

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