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Robben Island

South African Embassy Tourism Newsletter - July 2019

This month our newsletter looks at the unique offerings of the Karoo in the Northern Cape. The area is renowned for its sheep farming and hospitable culture with plenty of interesting attractions. Amongst other activities, we've selected an amazing nature reserve as this is a great time of year to explore, with moderate temperatures. We've also profiled some unusual things to do in the province's capital, Kimberley.

SUTHERLAND

The Northern Cape is known as one of the best stargazing destinations in the world. With its clear night skies, Sutherland, a small town in the Karoo desert, is regarded as one of the world's prime stargazing destinations. It is the astronomical heart of South Africa, with a million stars reflecting the universe's distant planets and galaxies.

More information:

www.experiencenortherncape.com





VINTAGE RIDE

The Old Tram service in Kimberley runs several times a day between the City Hall and the Mine Museum. This vintage tram, introduced in 1887, was recently refurbished to enhance tourists the experience of the diamond rush-era in Kimberley, running between the historic City Hall and the Big Hole.

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DOORKLOOF NATURE RESERVE

The reserve lies peacefully in the mountainous Karoo, outside the small town of Colesberg. The 9 388ha reserve, positioned at the top end of the southern shore of the Vanderkloof Dam – South Africa's second-largest water reservoir, boasts kudu, eland, brown hyena, reedbuck, steenbok, duiker and a myriad of bird species.

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THE BIG HOLE

Visitors to the Big Hole - reputedly the largest hand-dug excavation in the world, dating back about 150 years to when diamonds were discovered in the area - and the Kimberley Mine Museum can participate in guided tours that tell them more about the "City of Diamonds" and the first people who sought them, as well as the tools these miners used and the wealth the diamonds generated.

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FESTIVALS AND EVENTS: July 2019



SICMF

When: 5-14 July 2019

Where: Stellenbosch, Western Cape

More information: <http://www.sicmf.co.za/>

The Stellenbosch International Chamber Music Festival aims to provide talented young South African musicians with the opportunity to study, perform and be inspired by chamber music and orchestral playing at an internationally recognized and professional standard.



DURBAN FILMMART

When: 8-28 July 2019

Where: Durban, KwaZulu-Natal

More information: <http://www.durbanfilmmart.co.za/>

The Durban International Film Festival (DIFF) presented by the Centre for Creative (University of KwaZulu-Natal) has launched its programme for its 40th edition. It is Africa's leading film making event. Four days, one venue, unlimited opportunities.



JIVE CAPE TOWN FUNNY FESTIVAL

When: 1-28 July 2019

Where: Cape Town, Western Cape

More information: <https://funnyfestival.co.za/>

The popular Jive Cape Town Funny Festival returns the Baxter Theatre in Rondebosch, Cape Town from 1 July - 28 July for its 2019 season presenting the best SA comedians and the famous international variety acts on the same stage.



MORE EVENTS

- Jozi Street Culture (13 July 2019)
www.facebook.com/jozistreetculture/
- Gembsok Rally (26-28 July 2019)
<http://wildbullsmcc.co.za/>
- It's Christmas In July In Joburg (July 2019)
<https://joburg.co.za/christmas-july-joburg/>

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