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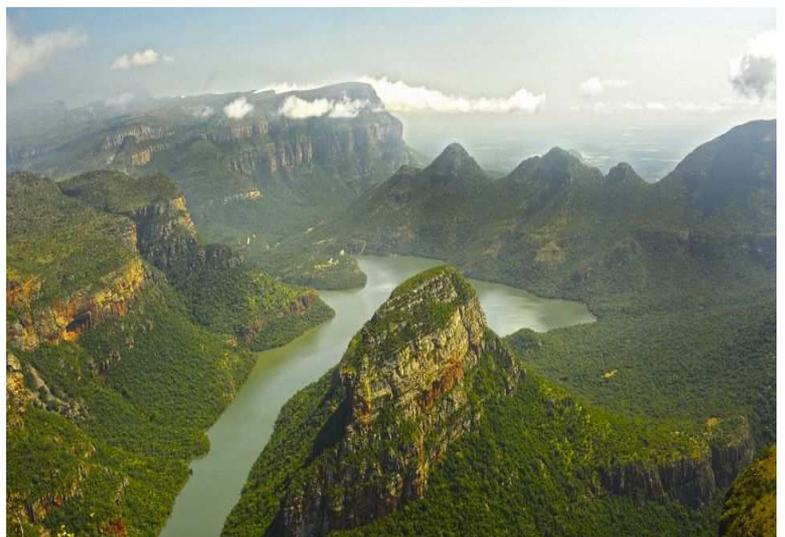
In this edition, we propose a visit to the Mpumalanga Province, more specifically a walk about through the so called *Panorama Route*. This route takes us through history down memory lane to the times of the gold fever in the 19th century, where everything is framed by a luxuriant and vibrant nature, with the *crème de la crème* being the *Blyde River Canyon*. There's a lot more to share, but enjoy our selection for this edition...

Panorama Route

The Panorama Route in the Mpumalanga Province, offers its visitors an array of absolutely breathtaking views. The *Blyde River Canyon* is the most striking example of such beauty and one of the biggest attractions in the region. The whole area is an extensive covering of subtropical vegetation, thus making it the world's largest green canyon.

The picturesque village of Graskop is the entrance to the Panorama Route. This is also a good suggestion to serve as a base to visit the region.

More information: <http://www.mpumalanga.com/>





Lisbon Falls

No visit to the Mpumalanga Province is complete without visiting the beautiful waterfalls in the region. The *Lisbon Falls* are some of the most impressive. The locals state that the name may owe its origin to the country of the miners who arrived in the region towards the 19th century, following the discovery of gold in the proximity (Barbeton and Pilgrim's Rest). There's also a farm with the same name in the region (Lisbon farm).

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Pilgrim's Rest is a jewel lost in time. Here one can go back in time and re-live the adventure surrounding the gold fever of the late 19th century in this region, which attracted people from Europe (Portuguese among them) and even from America: pioneers, miners, waiters and road robbers. Due to all this, it was declared a tourist attraction and National Monument in 1986. The Gold Panning Festival takes place every year in September and is another of Pilgrim's Rest's attractions, where the whole family can participate in searching for the precious metal.

More information: <http://www.krugerlowveld.com>



Blyde River Protea

Proteas are South Africa's most emblematic flowers (King Protea being one of the country's symbols). These flowers are specifically endogenous to the Cape, namely the Western Cape Province. However, there is a variety which is endogenous to Mpumalanga, i.e. the *Protea Laetens*. Identified in 1970, this protea may be found in a small circumscribed area of about 100 km² in the vicinity of the Blyde River. As such, it received the name of Blyde River Protea.

More information: <http://www.krugerlowveld.com>

FESTIVAL & EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA – July 2014



RASTAFARIAN EARTH FESTIVAL

When: 22 - 28 July 2014

Where: Knysna

More information: www.visitknysna.co.za

Rastas and visitors from South Africa and abroad are invited to participate in the annual Rasta Earth Festival. This colourful, rich festival celebrates the Rastafarian way of life - their food and music, as well as the philosophy behind this sometimes misunderstood faith.



BERG RIVER CANOE MARATHON

When: 16 - 19 July 2014

Where: Paarl

More information: www.berg.org.za

The Berg River Canoe Marathon is a hard race not for the faint hearted. It is an extremely tough challenge, taking place over four days and covering 227 kilometres, making it the longest race in South Africa. On top of this, it takes place in winter.



JOHANNESBURG GOOD FOOD & WINE SHOW

When: 31 July – 3 August 2014

Where: Randburg

More information: www.goodfoodandwineshow.co.za

From gourmet classics to culinary art, organic produce to specialty seafood, don't miss the edible antics of International and South African culinary masters. Wine tasting, gourmet shopping and wining and dining with friends.



MORE EVENTS

- Volksblad Arts Festival (15 – 20 July) www.vryfees.co.za
- Knysna Oyster Festival (4 – 13 July) www.oysterfesticval.co.za
- Grahamstown National Arts Festival (3 – 13 July) www.nationalartsfestival.co.za
- Gauteng Motor Show (25 – 27 July) www.10times.com
- National Antiques & Decorative Arts Faire (25 - 27 July) www.naada.co.xza
- Ellisras Bushveld Festival (9 – 12 July) www.bosveldfees.co.za

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