



Inspiring new ways



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Winter is on its way out and slowly throughout South Africa the outdoor activities and events start to come forth. In September South Africa celebrates the *sustainable tourism* month, one of the most successful efforts in the tourism development strategy in the country. Our first suggestion goes to Gaansbai in the Western Cape, where the more daring can try diving with the sharks. The *South African Kalahari Augrabies Extreme Marathon* is another proposal for the most audacious. The *World of Birds*, whale or turtle watching, or even experiencing Cape Town are equally unforgettable experiences for the less radical souls.

Shark Cage Diving

Diving with sharks is a unique and rare opportunity to enter another dimension in the underwater world. Enjoy this experience of pure adrenaline in the midst of the awesome white shark for a truly unforgettable experience.

More information:

[/www.southafrica.net/blog/en/posts/entry/a-glimpse-into-the-world-of-shark-cage-diving#](http://www.southafrica.net/blog/en/posts/entry/a-glimpse-into-the-world-of-shark-cage-diving#)





The **South African Kalahari Augrabies Extreme Marathon**, is one of a kind run, where the determination and spirit of adventure are put to the test.

There are 6 trials that vary between 28-75 km each during 7 days, totalling 250km. The participants are driven to the limit in this extreme competition: the itinerary is only known on the very day and each athlete has to carry his own equipment and foodstuffs. The landscape is contrasting and challenging, varying between huge extensions of lush green vineyards to the vastness of the rocky Kalahari desert. The next edition is already in October

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

The **World of Birds** is the largest bird park in Africa and one of the most impressive in the world. There are more than 3 000 birds (and other small animals) from 400 species in a tropical garden tropical of more than 4 acres, nestled in the magnificent mountain landscape of the Cape Province (Table Mountain, Twelve Apostles, Constantiaberg, Chapman's Peak and Lion's Head). A true paradise for the lovers of nature and photography.

More information: <http://www.worldofbirds.org.za/>



Cape Town Tourism is going to organize another edition of the meeting between international bloggers from 18 September to 7 October. 3 invited Bloggers (from Brazil, USA and United Kingdom) will travel throughout the region and share freely their experiences and interaction with the community through the digital platform #lovecapetown. More information:

<http://www.capetown.travel/site/lovecapetown>



Whale watching. From June to November, the Southern Right whales can be seen along the southern Cape coast, making this the perfect time of the year for the whale watching trip. You don't need to be on a boat to watch them, because Hermanus, with its panoramic view to Walker Bay, is considered the best spot in the world to whale watching from land. These Southern Right whales often come close to the shore, sometimes within a few meters from the beach.

More information: <http://www.hermanus.co.za/whales.asp>

Safari for turtle watching

A night of turtle-tracking safari along the Maputaland beaches, in search of the rare, giant Leatherback turtles in their hatching habitat, or the little ones breaking free of their eggs, is not the common safari. It's an emotional experience and at times breathtaking: to observe the tiny turtles running to the ocean, while threatened by sea birds, other predators and crabs. It is believed that only 4 in each 1000 baby turtles survive to adulthood. Start planning now, the time of hatching is generally between December and March.

More information:

<http://www.zulu.org.za/index.php?districthome+24++57961>



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