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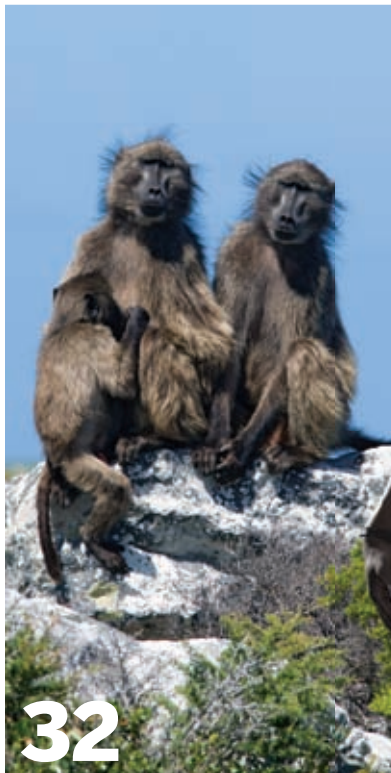
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Time to celebrate

MOST OF US have experienced the joys of romantic love and the pleasure of friendship love and the wonder of compassionate love. February is the month to celebrate all of the varieties of relationships and the types of loves that we can experience. Valentine's Day is a very special event, so take time to show all those that you love how much you care. As cliché as it may sound, a getaway is the ideal gift – log onto our website www.flyexpress.aero for last minute travel ideas and destinations.

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WHAT'S ON



➤ The Hollies – 50th Anniversary World Tour South Africa

GrandWest Grand Arena – Cape Town » 23 FEBRUARY
Carnival City Big Top Arena – Brakpan » 25 FEBRUARY

THE HOLLIES - regarded by many as one of the most successful British bands of all time - will be celebrating 50 years of unforgettable tunes with a visit to South Africa.

Their distinctive harmonies and prolific song writing talent led the band to produce 19 studio albums, 22 compilation albums and 67 singles. Since

their first release in 1963, they had 30 songs in the UK singles chart and 21 on the Billboard Hot 100. A further 15 albums have appeared in the UK Albums Chart and 13 on the Billboard 200.

Over the past 50 years few people can claim not to have heard a Hollies song, with perennial hits from 60s classics

such as *Just One Look*, *Carrie Ann*, *Sorry Suzanne* and *He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother*. Later Hollies hits that made an impact on subsequent generations include *I Can't Tell the Bottom from the Top*, *Gasoline Alley Bred*, *Long Cool Woman in a Black Dress* and *The Air That I Breathe*.
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EVENTS



All you need is love

GrandWest
Roxy Revue Bar,
Cape Town

» 3 FEB - 17 MAR

Paying tribute to the mania caused by mop-haired John, Paul, George and Ringo, this show will transport audiences back to the sound of The Beatles and the 'swinging' '60's. Taking the audience a great ride are vocalists Cedric Vandenschrik, and Chad Zerf, guitarist Aldert du Toit, drummer Adam Coolsaet, bassist Rob Nel and keyboardist Tracy Johannes. Expect classics like *Help* and *Hey Jude*.
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» 23-26 FEB

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Cape Town International Convention Centre » 10 FEBRUARY
The Joburg Theatre » 11 FEBRUARY

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🚩 Super Rugby Various rugby stadiums around South Africa » FROM 24 FEBRUARY

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www.superXV.com

EVENTS



Garden Route Rocky Mountain 300

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» 24-26 FEB

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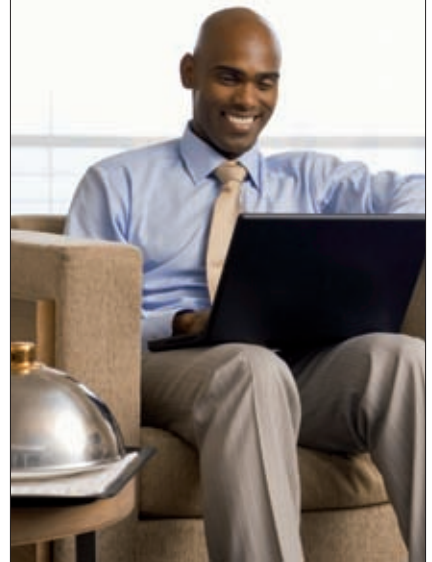
Youngsfield Military Base, Wynberg

» 10 MARCH

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<http://bansapilsener.co.za>



🚩 Duzi Canoe Marathon

Pietermaritzburg to Durban, KwaZulu-Natal
» 16–18 FEBRUARY

IF YOU DON'T yet know the names Thulani Mbanjwa and Sibonelo Zondi, you soon will. The powerful pair recently won the 50 Miler, setting themselves up as favourites for the Duzi this month.

Mbanjwa and Zondi (above) will join a large field on 16 February to tackle the 120km route that starts at Camps Drift near Pietermaritzburg and follows the Umsinduzi and Umgeni Rivers.

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EVENTS



Abdullah Ibrahim and NSAO Big Band

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» 11 AND 17 FEB
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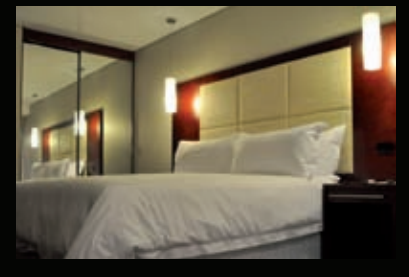
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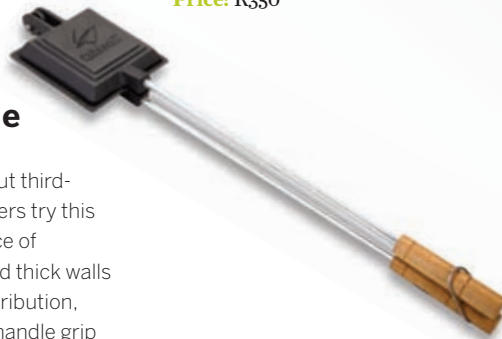
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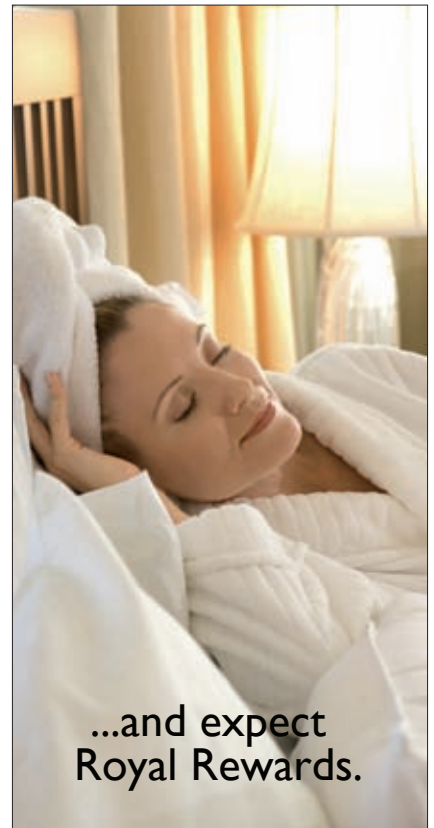


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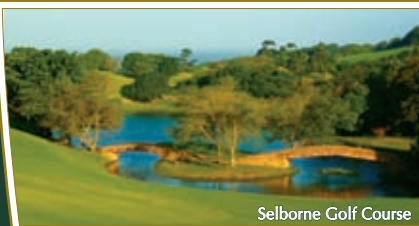
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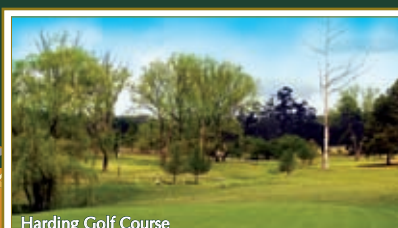
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ACCLAIMED VINEYARD Haute Cabrière - best known for its award-winning Pierre Jourdan Cap Classique range - has long been associated with Pinot Noir. In July last year the Franschhoek winery launched its newest interpretation of the cultivar - the Unwooded Pinot Noir 2011.

The aim of the newest addition was to showcase the wine's natural red fruit flavours and aromas. The Unwooded Pinot Noir 2011 has not undergone barrel maturation in order to preserve its lively acidity, fruit complexity and balance, making it a refreshing red, perfect for taking to the beach or for enjoying an alfresco drink with friends during the long hot summer months.

THE WINE-MAKER

Wine-maker Achim von Arnim has boundless energy and an ever-inquiring mind. South African-born Von Arnim first discovered Pinot Noir during his period as a student in Europe in the 1960s and he maintains that his inspiration and his holistic view of wine making derives from his time in the region.

The focus back then, he explains, was on learning slowly and thoroughly. It was about getting yourself completely enmeshed in the process, thus beginning his fascination with the relationship between grape and grower, vine and man. Achim has found a passion he'll never tire of and his love of phenomenal wine makes him one of South Africa's most well known wine personalities.

WHAT IS PINOT NOIR?

Pinot Noir grapes have been cultivated in Burgundy since the First Century and the grape clusters' small pine cone shape could be a clue as to the origins of its name, 'pinot', French for pine. Made from a small, thin-skinned grape with a low amount of pigment, it is lighter in colour than most red wines.



“ Like in a theatre, the wood must only be the supporting platform ”



ACHIM VON ARNIM (LEFT) WITH HIS SON TAKUAN

Interestingly, the red-white wine is notorious for being difficult to cultivate. Requiring a cool climate and high clay content soil, the sensitive Pinot Noir grape ripens early and is prone to all types of vine diseases, meaning that the smallest of obstacles can severely hinder production.

IS THERE A MARKET FOR IT IN S.A.?

The South African market is showing more and more interest in Pinot Noir. With this in mind, Haute Cabrière, as the region's pioneer of the cultivar, wanted to offer Pinot Noir lovers the opportunity to experience its elegant fruit flavours without the classic barrel maturation. No malolactic fermentation takes place in the creation of the Unwooded Pinot Noir and eliminating the wood tannins allows the full flavour of the fruit to come to the fore.

“Like in a theatre, the wood must only be the supporting platform for the wine to perform on, not a curtain that would hide the play,” says von Arnim.

The new unwooded variety retains all its flavour without the density of a traditional red. Its style is such that even white wine drinkers will drink it, and red wine aficionados can enjoy it as a lighter alternative in the long summer months.

Small crops and expensive barrel maturation processes have long driven up the prices of Pinot Noir and savvy consumers are becoming more and more reluctant to fork out.

Eliminating this process results in a more affordable wine and makes it available to a new, larger section of the market.

HOW TO DRINK IT

The Unwooded Pinot Noir 2011 is best served slightly chilled at between 14-16 degrees and is a wonderful accompaniment to lunches or light dinners of summery pastas and salads. Sip with a salad of roast beef with raspberry vinaigrette or enjoy with a succulent piece of salmon or braised yellowtail.

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War Horse

FILM In 2009 the whipsmart people at the Handspring Puppet Company in Cape Town provided amazing life-sized horse puppets for the London production of a play called *War Horse*. Three years later, this moving story about a young boy's friendship with a brave horse is as popular as ever, with master filmmaker Steven Spielberg bringing it to the big screen.

Based on the children's book by Michael Morpurgo, first published in 1982, *War Horse* is set during the First World War and follows the extraordinary adventures of Joey, a Devon horse that is sold to the cavalry and shipped

off to France. His departure for the battlefield kick-starts an extraordinary adventure for horse and its former master - youngster Albert Narracott (Jeremy Irvine) - who sets out of to find Joey.

War Horse seamlessly moves from tender scenes to epic, full-blown action set pieces, including a thunderous cavalry charge. Beautifully shot and acted, *War Horse* not only does justice to it's source material but the magical stage production as well. The Handspring Puppet Company will most certainly approve.

War Horse is out 24 February



Resident Evil Revelations

GAMES After 16 years - and 42 million units sold - the *Resident Evil* franchise is still coming up with inventive ways to scare the living daylights out of us. Featuring a brand new storyline, locations and characters to the

series that make the most of the Nintendo 3DS features, *Resident Evil Revelations* is set in 2005 between the fourth and fifth instalments.

The plot sees Bioterrorism Security Assessment Alliance member Jill Valentine try and track down BSAA co-founder Chris Redfield on an abandoned cruise ship. As you would expect from *Resident Evil*, something horrid lurks around every corner as you confront a dangerous new enemy.

A combination of old franchise favourites and new items like the 'supply scanner' that detects hidden items, ensures an extremely immersive gaming experience.

Resident Evil Revelations is out 24 February



Gardening With Keith Kirsten

BOOKS Every home with a garden needs a book by Keith Kirsten. The third edition of this popular title has been completely revised but it remains a practical, illustrated guide suitable for all gardeners, from novice to experienced.

The book has been updated to incorporate new plant species that will flourish in South African gardens. The bulk of the book comprises directories of over 2000 plant, with a brief description, plus handy symbols that depict growing conditions, such as sun and water requirements, hardiness to frost, and whether the plant is deciduous, evergreen or flowering. For the first time Kirsten essential gardening book is also available in Afrikaans. *Gardening With Keith Kirsten (Struik) is available now*



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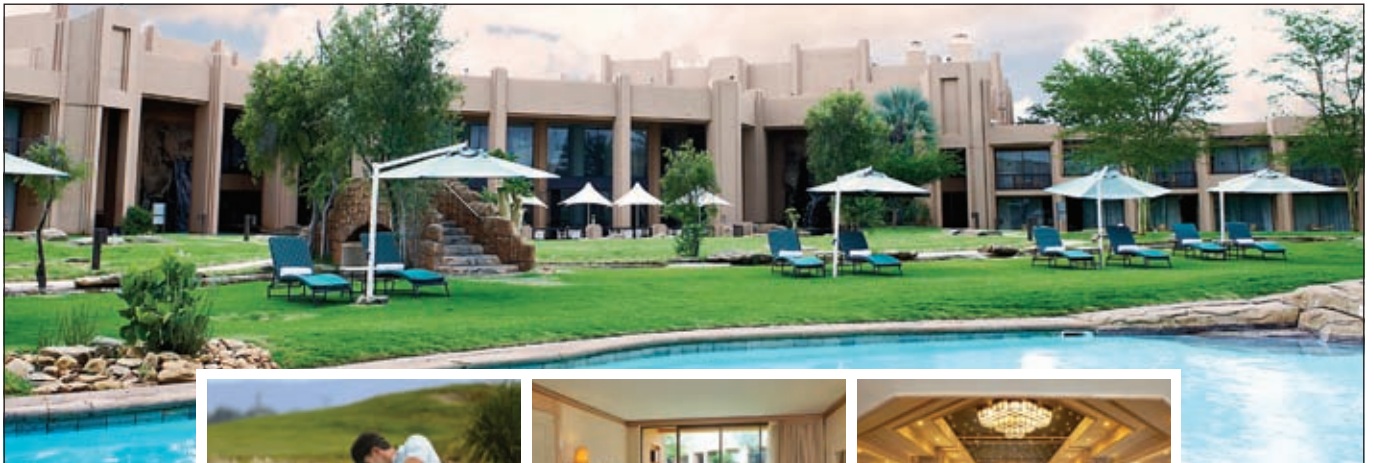
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ERNIE ELS WITH HIS WIFE LIEZL, SON BEN AND DAUGHTER SAMANTHA



Something ELS

*With a professional career spanning more than two decades, Ernie Els is synonymous with golf. But there is more to him than just a world-famous swing, says **Helene Ramackers***

GOLF STAR Ernie Els has become bit of a nomad over the last few years, dividing his time between the United Kingdom, America and South Africa. Ask the Big Easy where his heart lies, though, and he clearly still has Africa in his veins.

"If I let my heart choose then it would have to be South Africa," Els

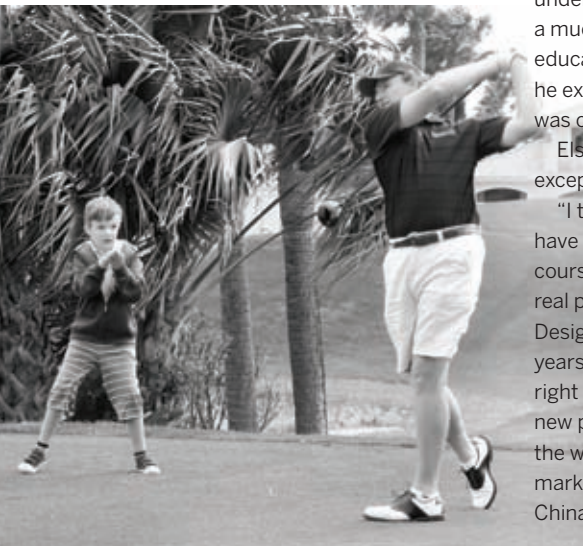
says. "That is my homeland and I love everything about it. The six weeks that we have been able to stay here for our winter break have been very special. It's hard to leave sometimes."

In a professional career that's spanned more than 20 years, Els has been an extraordinary Ambassador

for his beloved homeland. Among his many tournament wins, Els can count three majors (two US Opens and the British Open) and holds the record for weeks ranked in the top ten. Not content with flying the flag for South Africa all around the world, Els has ensured that the country has a lot of young golfing



“ Our son Ben is a pure, honest kid. We feel blessed to have him ”



talent coming through thanks to the Ernie Els & Fancourt Foundation.

“Away from the golf course I’m very proud of the Ernie Els & Fancourt Foundation, which we set up more than 10 years ago to help give underprivileged kids in South Africa a much better start in life through education and golfing opportunities,” he explains. “Louis Oosthuizen was one of our first members.”

Els has also become known as an exceptional golf course designer.

“I think most professional golfers have at least some interest in designing courses and for me, it’s become a real passion,” his says. “Ernie Els Design has grown steadily in recent years and business is pretty solid right now. We have some exciting new projects in the pipeline around the world. Some of golf’s emerging markets, places like Malaysia, India and China, represent an exciting growth

opportunity for our company. We’re involved in some interesting discussions with developers in those areas.”

Away from sport, Els has started the Els for Autism Foundation after his son Ben was diagnosed with the condition.

“It impacts your life in more ways than you could ever imagine,” Els says. “At first, you think that you’ve been knocked down by the man upstairs, but when you find your feet you realise these kids are special. Our son Ben is such a pure, honest kid. He doesn’t have the normal problems as other kids. He just knows his own little world and we feel blessed to have him in our lives. The Els for Autism Foundation, which my wife, Liezl, and I set up a few years ago is very special to us. The proposed new Els Center of Excellence will change the way autism is treated worldwide and also invest in new research that will help us find out more about this condition. That really means something.”

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Botswana is a cosmopolitan and peaceful democracy, boasting a stable macro-economic environment conducive to growth, diversification and foreign investment. Its impressive economic growth is largely due to the country's exploitation of its vast mineral resources, notably diamonds, combined with far-sighted government policies, including liberalization policies, heavy investment in education and training, private sector development and concerted efforts to diversify the economy. The country enjoys high global rankings in a number of areas such as democracy, stability and low business risks, ease to start and operate a business, competitiveness, transparency, disciplined fiscal and monetary policies, and the independence of its judiciary.

The BIH premises under development and due for completion by Jan 2012 will consist of land for lease, world-class facilities for rent, including state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure with high capacity international connectivity, high standards of security and data connections, and secured power.

The facilities will be oriented to high-tech customers, with flexibility, access to shared facilities and use of environmentally-friendly technologies. Conference facilities, meeting rooms, recreational facilities and restaurants will offer opportunity for networking. The location is in Gaborone, the capital of Botswana, close to the international airport.

The concept also includes professional business services and business development services. The concept has been developed based on best practices from science and technology parks from all over the world, and in particular, from Finland, a leading European country in innovation support.

Botswana Innovation Hub is already registering expressions of interest and formal registration has also started. The facilities, offices and laboratories, will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis and interested parties are advised to contact Botswana Innovation Hub Office in Gaborone as soon as possible. Although the physical facilities are not yet ready for occupation, companies that register get immediate access to the BIH incentive scheme. This includes exemption to work and residence permits for all management and professional staff, a training grant, a reduced tax rate, and the opportunity to negotiate a competitive telecommunications package. In addition, there are no foreign exchange controls in Botswana and profits can be repatriated without any restrictions. BIH wants to make your entry into Africa as easy as possible.

To further promote innovation and technology development, an Innovation Fund has been created which will offer grants to businesses registered with the Botswana Innovation Hub.

Interested companies and organisations are invited to explore the Botswana Innovation Hub website or to contact the Office for more information:



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Ride the beloved country

Writer **Coetzee Gouws** and photographer **Kelvin Trautman** join intrepid travellers on the nine-day joBerg2c mountain bike adventure



IT IS SAID that three stray bullets in the Battle of Spioenkop in colonial South Africa could have altered the course of global history. The year was 1900 and the massive hilltop in present-day KwaZulu-Natal served as a fortress for Boer fighters during the Second War of Independence with Britain. As English forces advanced across the Tugela River, Spioenkop became the scene of a fierce battle, leaving hundreds dead and wounded.

With a bloody stalemate reached, the British commanding officer ordered a retreat, handing the Boers victory by default.

“Better six battalions safely down the hill than a mop-up in the morning,” he told a young war correspondent named Winston Churchill. Later, as stretcher-bearer Mohandas Gandhi quietly tended to the suffering, victorious general Louis Botha oversaw the evacuation of enemy casualties.

This trio, who would later become British premier, a revered Indian civil rights activist and first prime minister of the Union of South Africa respectively, changed the face of war and peace in the 20th century.

Today, Spioenkop bears witness to an entirely different battle as slick two-man teams in South Africa’s longest paired mountain bike stage race reach its summit in the course of a nine-day quest to conquer the country’s historical heartland.

Described by organisers as a “journey of the soul”, the 910-kilometre Old Mutual joBerg2c aptly starts on Freedom Day on April 27, taking riders from Johannesburg in the Gauteng province to Scottburgh on the KwaZulu-Natal coast.

“It’s the best way to see the country,” says race mastermind Glen Haw, whose passion to ride the beloved country saw him establish the sell-out BOE sani2c event in 2005.

Three years ago, he enlisted fellow campaigners Gary Green and Craig Wapnick to create a longer spin-off





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event. The tacticians added six stages, starting in the City of Gold and charting a course through the Free State to link up with the existing three-day route through southern KZN.

Haw, who farms in the Ixopo region where Alan Paton's classic novel *Cry, the Beloved Country* is set, saw these vast unexplored tracts of agricultural land as the perfect battleground for the race. With Green and the silver-tongued adman Wapnick, he managed to convince almost 100 private landowners to grant them exclusive access.

What they have created is an event run with military precision and a route that is largely inaccessible at any other time, punctuated by eight overnight encampments brimming with rural hospitality.

Featuring long stretches of single track "so smooth, it's almost like road riding", the Old Mutual joBerg2c is marshalling a force of intrepid travellers intent on seeing the country from a different perspective.

"You see wildlife and experience a diversity of terrain and cultures," says Haw. "It lets you come closer and really taste and feel this country."

Like the Blue Train, Haw says the event aims to provide a truly authentic South African experience for the international market.

The race villages add local flavour by offering traditional fare like spicy boerewors, juicy steaks, lamb spitbraai and barbecued moddervis along with sweet treats like homemade milk tart and syrupy koeksisters.

These mouthwatering rations prove essential as the 700-strong peloton rides out every day against an everchanging and often unforgiving landscape.

While most are embroiled in the adventure of a lifetime, the pros are waging a quiet war of their own on the front line as they vie for a share of the sizeable financial spoils.

Participants set out from the Highveld town of Heidelberg on the





southern fringes of Johannesburg, where the Witwatersrand gold reef was discovered in 1885.

After 30 kilometres on day one, the troops abandon their bikes for Chinese dragon boats for a unique crossing of the Vaal Dam and provincial border before remounting.

For the first three days they traverse the Maize Triangle of the northern

Everything changes on day four. The route drops off the escarpment and traces old Voortrekker ox wagon trails and breathtaking passes into KwaZulu-Natal, where the famous Spioenkop awaits.

This historically rich stage finishes at Winterton in the Central Drakensberg, which is the gateway to Champagne Castle and Cathedral

farms near the province's fly-fishing capital of Underberg.

Here the race enters Haw's home turf and the famed sani2c stretch begins! Single and dual track takes riders on a journey of rare beauty through pristine oak and pine forests.

The penultimate day is renowned as the most spectacular as participants plunge into the heart of the Umkomaas Valley. Kilometres of dramatic switchbacks lead to the mighty Umkomaas River, which is crossed on a purpose-built semi-suspended floating bridge.

All that remains is to mount a final offensive through rolling hills and sugarcane fields before hitting the beach and the welcoming waters of the warm Indian Ocean.

With international riders already making up 10 percent of the field, Haw says the race is grabbing the attention of mountain biking warriors worldwide in search of an unforgettable single-track safari. ✕
Visit www.joberg2c.co.za

“ TROOPS ABANDON THEIR BIKES FOR DRAGON BOATS TO CROSS THE VAAL DAM ”

Free State and the dramatic sandstone features of the eastern highlands before ending at the tranquil Sterkfontein Dam resort.

Situated in the foothills of the Drakensberg, the resort is a watersports mecca and riders have the rare privilege of pedalling along the four-kilometre wall of the second largest earth dam in the world.

Peak. On a quiet morning one could almost imagine hearing the crystal clear voices of the world-famous Drakensberg Boys' Choir, which is a mere stone's throw away.

As riders soldier on through days five and six, the African thornveld gives way to the Southern Drakensberg in the Kamberg district, followed by rolling lowland dairy

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Wild West Cape

The Western Cape has enough creatures great and small to compete with any animal-rich area in South Africa, says **Steve and Ann Toon**

YOU DON'T NEED to sweat it out in the bush if you're looking for thrilling wildlife encounters this month. Now the holiday crowds and dreaded 'Cape Doctor' have packed their bags, the Western Cape has balmy days and more than enough fur, fins and feathers to go round. That's including awe-inspiring apex predators, from great white sharks to secretive mountain leopards, as well as family-friendly stuff you can see close up and survive. No need to pop malaria pills, or wear unflattering khaki shorts, plus you can give the rustic restcamps and burnt worts a miss; swapping them for great restaurants and comfy hotels.

From ostriches in Oudtshoorn to waterbirds at the West Coast National Park, the animal action is ever present. Even at Cape Town's busy

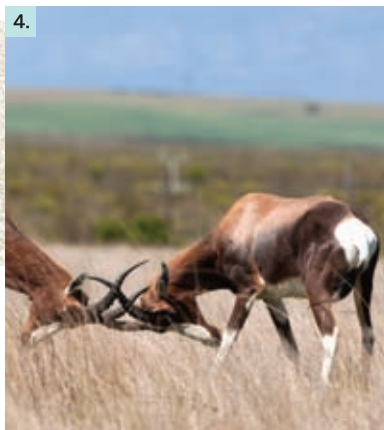
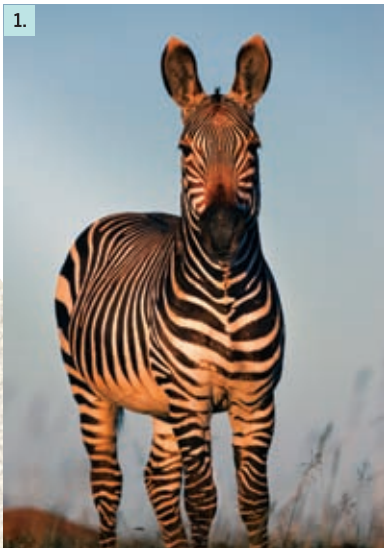
Waterfront tourist hub you'll find smug-looking Cape fur seals hauled out at the marina and gulls swooping down to steal your calamari and chips. Shopping at Canal Walk? The wetlands at Intaka Island next door just teem with birdlife.

And while you may well think a wine-tasting at a smart Franschhoek vineyard is just about as far as you could get from the Big Five, how wrong you would be. Researchers there are getting exciting pictures of prowling Cape leopards, not only high up in the mountains, but also in the foothills, on the edges of the vines themselves (see box).

Kruger National Park, amazing as it is, hasn't anything to match the close encounters of the 'Jaws' kind you can have just off the Cape coast. Gansbaai

and False Bay are world hotspots for eyeballing the great white. On boat trips around Seal Island you can put yourself within metres of two tons of breaching, predatory shark flesh, not to mention the fearsome dental work. Go on a cage dive if you dare. Visit www.apexpredators.com for sea trips with a shark expert.

After that, a sedate stroll round the protea garden at Kirstenbosch might be welcome, but it's anything but tranquil even here. Flashes of colour and a flurry of wingbeats vie for your attention as the lollipop pom-poms of orange, coral and yellow pincushions pull in jewel-coloured sunbirds and sugarbirds eager for another nectar rush. Look closer at the bowl-sized King Protea blooms, the national flower, and you may catch a glimpse of



“BADLY-BEHAVED BABOONS ARE A BIG HIT”

FIVE TO TICK OFF

1. CAPE MOUNTAIN ZEBRA

→ These barcoded beauties are among the world's rarest mammals. Look for them in Table Mountain National Park (www.sanparks.org.za) and the nature reserve at the luxury farmstead, Bartholomeus Klip (www.bartholomeusklip.com). Here you might also see zebra from the famous quagga project which aims to re-breed the Cape's extinct, legendary zebra-like mammal.

2. ELAND

→ They may be the slowest antelope on the planet, but they're also the biggest. Look for them in Table Mountain National Park, De Hoop Nature Reserve, in the Overberg (www.capenature.co.za) and Bushmans Kloof private reserve in the Cederberg (www.bushmanskloof.co.za).

3. BLACK OYSTERCATCHER

→ Summer's the nesting season for these chic shorebirds with smart red legs and matching bills so watch where you step on the sand. Celebrate them all along the luxury Oystercatcher Trail, one of the country's top hiking experiences (www.oystercatchertrail.co.za).

4. BONTEBOK

→ Once on the verge of extinction with numbers down to around 17 the world population of this quirky, two-tone antelope is now said to have reached the 3,000 mark. Enjoy them in their namesake Bontebok National Park, near Swellendam (www.sanparks.org.za).

5. BLUE CRANE

→ There are just 25,000 of them in South Africa and half this population resides in the Overberg. Search for them on several blue crane tourist routes including ones at Caledon and Porterville (www.openafrica.org.za).

huge protea beetles performing slow-mo laps of the flowerhead as if it were the Olympic velodrome.

Cool off afterwards by swimming with a colony of comical, suburban penguins - not normally top of the agenda when you're on a city break. Late summer in Simonstown it's not uncommon to set your towel down on Boulders Beach within touching distance of a damp flipper or two. The breeding season for the estimated 3,000 strong colony begins around

February so you can watch them, from a special elevated boardwalk next door at Foxy Beach, collecting nest material, free from human hassle. Better still see them scooting by in the surf on a special, guided sea kayak trip (www.kayakcapetown.co.za).

As you're practically on the doorstep, continuing down to Cape Point is a must. Badly-behaved baboons are a big hit with the kids and you're sure to encounter a troop with trouble in mind along with assorted

buck and an ostrich or two strolling nervously along the windswept shore.

Further along the coast children will also love the antics of chubby dassies, cavorting on the sea cliffs and promenade walls along the coast at Hermanus. Sadly, the resort's big, barnacle-clad drawcard, the southern right whale, is away now until spring, but since the rock hyrax is a near relative of the elephant, the largest land mammal, these family favourites more than make up for it. ✕

Seeing Spots in the Winelands?



MOST VISITORS to Western Cape wineries don't realise the mountains of the winelands are home to the Cape mountain leopard. In March 2010 the Cape Leopard Trust (www.capeleopard.org.za) embarked on the first scientific survey of the leopard population in the Cape Fold Mountains

stretching from the Kogelberg at Kleinmond and Betty's Bay, northwards to the Groot Winterhoek Wilderness near Porterville.

The researchers use remote camera traps – a digital camera containing an infrared sensor triggered by motion and heat - to record images of these shy predators. Each leopard

has a unique pattern of spots by which it can be identified. To date they've identified 41 adult leopards.

A number of prominent wine areas, notably Franschhoek, Helderberg and the Slanghoek Valley, fall within the study area, and leopards have been caught on camera on the fringes of the vineyards. ✕

WILD TRIPS

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GORILLAS IN THE MIST

With conservation efforts to save gorillas in the DRC close to collapse, Cindy-Lou Dale travels deep into the jungle for a rare audiences with these magnificent creatures

I LEOPARD-CRAWL towards the clenched fist Maximus is holding aloft. He signals that I should rise slowly to my knees. As I begin to lift myself up, a copper coloured snake slithers across my splayed hands. I stifled a scream by biting into my lip.

At the prospect of being educated by African game rangers in a tropical

rain forest, with the added promise of an experience I would find hard to forget, I am on a gorilla trek through the Democratic Republic of Congo. Armed with a camera, I earlier headed north out of Goma, towards one of the last remaining mountain gorilla sanctuaries in the world. Nearing the Virunga National

Park, the road narrowed and twisted through forests punctuated with bougainvillea flowers, adding dashes of orange and fuchsia to the journey.

Twenty minutes later I arrived at Bukima and what I perceived to be the entrance to Virunga National Park. A guide promptly frog marched me across to the administration hut. Here

I produced my pass and handed over the required US\$400 gorilla hike fee before joining a small excited party of people who'd already been processed. We received a briefing about where we were going and the procedures we needed to follow. A short while later a Goliath ranger, aptly named Maximus, appeared. His silent grinning sidekick, Rambo, shepherded us into single file and then fell to the back of the line. Maximus led the way, marching us for several hours at a frightening pace, up the mist enveloped mountain.

Gorilla numbers have drastically diminished as a result of war and lawlessness in game parks in the eastern DRC. It's only in recent years that forest rangers have been allowed to resume work in parts of the reserve and begin the odious task of assessing the state of the animal population.

The World Wildlife Fund estimates that approximately 786 mountain gorillas live in central Africa, of which Virunga National Park holds around 200. The Virunga gorillas' entire world consists of a fast depleting 285 square miles of mountainous rain forest which straddles the border between the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and Rwanda.

Mountain gorillas are gentle, affectionate giants that are one of the most endangered animals in the world, we were told, and are nearing extinction through loss of habitat and poaching.

In our ascent, I quizzed Maximus about his experiences.

"No one who has ever looked a gorilla in the eyes can come away unmoved," he said.

Maximus continued, speaking of his work and told that ranger patrols had to caution off refugees as the national parks and forest reserves were good places to retreat from opposition forces and also made for good poaching grounds.

"But these are the least of our problems," he scowled in reflection. "We also need to

guard against militia-men, he is a different guerilla. Even though the war is over, they still come."

Park rangers perform a difficult, dangerous and thankless task for which they rarely receive remuneration or recognition; and those rangers who stumble upon armed guerillas while doing their job have historically paid with their lives.

Excluding those killed during the civil war, around 90 game rangers have been murdered in the DRC whilst on patrol.

Since 1996, 131 rangers have been killed protecting the park and

the gorillas by way of their dung which, they claimed, was not too arduous a task - bearing in mind an average adult gorilla consumes around 30kg of vegetation daily. Rambo declared these good-natured vegetarians lived in small cohesive family groups and did not travel more than two or three miles in a day.

A few hours later, higher up the mountain, I became aware of unfamiliar animal sounds filtering through the blackness of the surrounding jungle. All at once, the jungle fell silent. Maximus raised his muscular forearm and made a fist

“ THE MALE GORILLA STANDS TO HIS FULL HEIGHT AND STARTS BEATING HIS CHEST ”

mountain gorillas, although the tourist areas are safe. Most of the attacks take place further north.

As we headed towards my close encounter with the snake, the scenery was spectacular. After the initial grassland we headed into dense jungle with Maximus constantly hacking clear a path with his machete.

During a short break the rangers explained that they were tracking

resembling a rugby ball, signaling us to halt. He crouched and we followed suit. He began walking on his haunches towards a thicket, and we did likewise. He signaled for us to drop flat, resulting in that close encounter with a snake. A moment later his still clenched fist signals for us to rise. Scraping the mud off my face I raise myself to my elbows, into a cloud of stinging insects. They burrow into



my ears, nostrils and eyes and when I blink I can feel their legs squirming.

The ground mist is thick and the jungle's density allows only a few shafts of light to filter through the canopy above. We move forward slowly and soon are again signaled to stop and fan out. Maximus indicates towards a bush ahead – it is being violently shaken.

Ten hours of air travel, a four hour hike up one of the highest mountains in Africa and a brief encounter with a snake, affords me my first glimpse of the legendary mountain gorillas of central Africa.

“ AN INFANT IS CLAMBERING UP THE CHEST OF THE SILVERBACK ”

In this group there is perhaps ten gorillas, with one dominant, unfeasibly large silver back male.

I sit on a tree trunk near a female gorilla nursing her infant. Beside her sits another gorilla grooming a youngster. She uses her fingers and teeth to comb through junior's hair, who is entranced and enjoys every dry-cleaning moment.

Rambo appears beside me and quietly explains how a gorilla builds itself a nest for sleeping. “A young gorilla shares its mother's nest until it reaches the age of about three,” he says. “Nest-building only takes a few minutes as the gorilla only need to sit on a main branch, bending smaller branches around it to form a small platform.”

I'd been warned not to approach the gorillas but instead wait and see if they come to me, which a few of the younger ones do when they brushed past. One puts her hand on my forearm, lifting it to inspect a scar across my left hand. Whilst I

am being inspected, a male gorilla, unfamiliar to the group, appears. We witness a frightening territorial display when the resident male feels threatened. He stands to his full height and begins beating his chest and hooting. Soon the invading gorilla disappears into the jungle.

The hour we are permitted to stay with the giant apes passes in what felt like minutes. Rambo rounds us up and lead the way out. I trail behind and steal a few final glimpses, the last of which is of an infant clambering up the chest of the silverback, who patiently indulges

the young one without protest.

Maximus follows my gaze. “Every tourist dollar buys our gorillas another day,” he says. “But this is not enough. We need more than what money can buy. Our game rangers need motivation, equipment, training, and discipline. Our government has commitments elsewhere and soon, the conservation effort will collapse. We find ourselves up against well-equipped and well-trained bandits and unless we solve these issues now mankind will wipe the gorillas out less than a hundred years after they were first discovered.” ✕



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Africa's **DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND**

Africa's population is growing so rapidly that by 2050 it is expected to reach two billion. Maïke Currie explains how this population explosion will fuel rapid economic emergence and yield the so-called 'demographic dividend'

ON OCTOBER 31 last year, the UN declared that the seven billionth person in the world had been born, an announcement which came little more than a dozen years after the 6bn mark was passed in 1998. Those looking for an explanation as to why the world's population is growing so rapidly need not look much further than Africa. As one commentator put it: "if demography is destiny then the next century will belong to Africa."

Since 2000 the continent's population has expanded by 200 million to exceed one billion. Within the next four decades, Africa's population is expected to overtake both India's and China's. Come 2050 Africa's population is expected to exceed two billion, by which stage one in five of the world's inhabitants will be African.

Africa is also the region with the world's youngest population. Under-25s account for 60 per cent of the total, compared with around 30 per cent in developed countries.

The figures might startle but what is the significance? Simply put: economic opportunity. Coupled with

the positive economic growth for which Africa is becoming increasingly renowned, population growth will support the ongoing emergence of an African consumer base.

"African urbanisation is growing faster than anywhere else in the world, and the similar pattern of population growth is going to add further momentum to economic development," says Paul Freer, CEO of Alquity, an investment manager focused on Africa and Asia.

THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND

A young and rising population has the potential to yield the so-called 'demographic dividend'.

The term describes how, as the proportion of a country's or region's population which is of working age grows, it produces greater productivity, which in turn boosts economic growth. This is because a youthful population ensures plentiful supply of young workers supporting a relatively small elderly population.

A good example of this playing out is when the baby boomer generation (those born post World War II) entered

into the developed world's workforce fuelling super expansion in the mid 70s and 80s. Now, as these same baby boomers are starting to retire, this shrinking, or at best slowly growing workforce, will weaken economic activity in developed economies.

"Demographics are the achilles heel of the western World. Indeed much of the blame for Japan's anaemic economic performance can be placed on its ageing, and now shrinking, population. This is increasingly a concern in Europe too. Africa, by contrast, has a fantastic demographic profile, with around half of the continent's billion-strong population of working age currently," comments Nick Price of Fidelity International's global emerging markets team.

DEPENDENCY RATIOS

As the developed world carries the growing burden of an aging population, 'dependency ratios' - that is the measure of the portion of a population which is composed of dependents (people who are too young or too old to work) - are becoming increasingly unfavourable.

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“ IN ANOTHER 40 YEARS, AFRICA WILL PROVIDE TWO IN EIGHT OF THE WORLD’S WORKERS ”



A rising dependency ratio makes it difficult for pension and social security systems to provide for a significantly older, non-working population. In much of the developed world, the expansion in the retired population is expected to lead to an explosion in government debt over the long run as governments need to fund pensions and healthcare for the retired.

The ageing of the baby boomer generation will also reduce overall savings given the reduction in the size of the population of savers and a corresponding increase in those spending their savings in retirement. This will also have an impact on financial markets as less savings will mean less demand for financial assets such as bonds.

Meanwhile Africa’s young population means dependency ratios are kept favourable ensuring that the various age-related concerns prevalent in the West will not be a problem for years to come.

“Just as more Africans are moving into cities, so more of them will be younger, positioning many African countries to pick up jobs created by the expected manufacturing exodus from China, as well as in broader sectors of the economy,” Freer says.

Historically, Africa has been disadvantaged because most of its people were under the age of 15. However, this is changing as the young population is maturing and the labour force is expected to surge as a result. The continent has more than 500 million people of working age (15 to 64 years old) and by 2050, that number is projected to be 1.2 billion.

In China the proportion of the population adding to economic growth is expected to fall as its population ages. China’s median age has leapt from 25.1 in 1990 to 34.5 today, and by 2030 is expected to be 45. In contrast, the average age in Africa is 19.7.

This means, according to figures from Alquity, that in another 40 years, China will be providing just one in eight of the world’s workers, while Africa will provide two in eight. While the world waits with bated breath for China to emerge as the next great economic superpower, the commonly expressed reservation that ‘China will get old before it gets rich’ might very well prove accurate. But Africa’s destiny might be very different. ✕
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THE AFRICA OPPORTUNITY

→ 19.7 people’s median age in Africa, compared to 29.2 for Asia, 32 for the BRIC nations, and 40.1 for Europe.

→ 20 PER CENT of the total world’s population is expected to be in Africa by the end of 2050.

→ 1,200 MILLION workers on the planet are expected to reside in Africa by 2050, this will be 1 in 4 of the total world’s workers, compared to 1 in 8 from China.

→ OVER 80 MILLION Chinese jobs in light manufacturing are expected to be pushed abroad by rising costs over the next three to five years, with certain African nations well placed to absorb them.

→ 10 of Africa’s 54 countries have a GDP per capita greater than China; 17 have a GDP per capita greater than India.

Sources: IMF, AfDB, United Nation, McKinsey, Standard Bank, World Bank, Alquity

CALCULATING THE DEPENDENCY RATIO

→ The dependency ratio is equal to the number of individuals aged below 15 or above 64 divided by the number of individuals aged 15 to 64, expressed as a percentage.

Tips for mobilising your business

With South Africans forever glued to their cellphones, businesses need to use the mobile revolution to their advantage

IT'S NO SECRET that South Africans are tied to their cellphones. But how you use the mobile revolution to your business's advantage is less obvious. If you've embarked on any research, spoken to any mobile experts or popped into any mobile conferences lately you'll have realised there are some fairly religious wars going on about which strategies and technology platforms to choose.

Wilter du Toit, CEO of Virtual Mobile Technologies (right), aims to cut through the jargon and help business owners decide the most cost-effective and risk-free path to take when mobilising your business.

"It is important to know and understand your market, what devices they use, which channels they prefer and what problem they need solved, rather than jumping on the latest mobile flavour of the month," he advises. "This applies equally to internal and external markets."

For example there is no point in only launching an all-singing, all-dancing Android application, if most of your clients or employees only have Nokia feature phones.

"Unlike any previous technology, a mobile phone is a very personal

device, and the trend internationally is towards allowing employees to use their own phones, whatever they might be, rather than supplying corporate handsets," says du Toit.

It is also important to understand how the different mobile technology channels can complement each other, and how customers are likely to migrate from one to another. Once you understand your market, take a look at all your options for mobilisation, work out the expected return on investment and then prioritise accordingly.

"The first mistake too many companies make is taking an overly narrow approach to mobilisation," says du Toit. "Users have different requirements when using a mobile device whether browsing the web, or using an app. For instance they don't want to read your entire brochure, but do want to get to your contact details and opening times quickly. Apps need to have a small file size, load quickly and not drain too much power. Also, inputting information varies from handset to handset, and is generally more difficult on a phone than a computer."

Your strategy should also include how



you will develop, deploy and support future features and functionality, as well as future handsets.

"Going mobile isn't just about shrinking the desktop web experience to fit a smaller screen. Feature- and smartphones have additional capabilities, such as a GPS, that can be used to enhance functionality and user experience," says du Toit.

His final piece of advice? "Remember that not all suppliers are equal. The mobile development market is still very new and fragmented."

THE MOBILE TECHNOLOGY CHANNELS AT YOUR DISPOSAL

USSD (unstructured supplementary service data) is the communications channel used to top up pre-paid phone accounts. It works on all phones and many people are familiar with it.

Mobi sites are websites optimised for use on a mobile phone.

Applications ("apps") are standalone pieces of software for smartphones that can harness the

specific features of smart phones and feature phones such as the GPS, camera or accelerometer.

HTML5 is the new kid on the block, an evolution of the website mark-up language that will allow mobi sites to include features previously only available on apps. The language is still being standardised and there are some concerns over cross-browser interoperability.

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Transnet on coal goal track

SOUTH AFRICA'S state-owned freight logistics group Transnet says it is on track to deliver between 70 million and 72 million tons of coal to the Richards Bay Coal Terminal (RBCT) by the financial year-end next month.

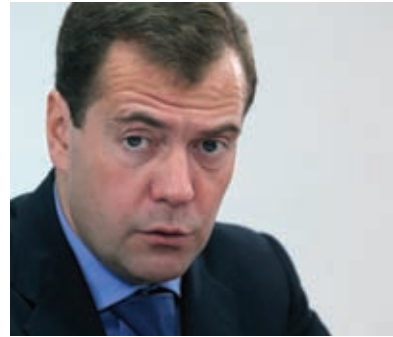
During its previous financial year, Transnet moved 62.2 million tons of coal, against a target of 65 million tons. It had set a target of 70 million for this financial year.

Transnet CEO Brian Molefe says he is expecting total rail volumes to rise by 9 per cent in the next year to around 200 million tons. He also announced that Transnet would buy an additional

43 diesel-electric locomotives from General Electric to achieve this goal.

In the interim period to September last year rail volumes on the coal-export corridor grew by a modest 2.6 per cent to 31.3 million when compared with the 30.5 million tons railed in the same period in 2010.

But Transnet Freight Rail COO Mlamuli Buthelezi indicated that the unit was on track to deliver between 70 million and 72 million tons along the coal corridor by next month. RBCT also confirmed it exported over 65.5 million tons of coal during 2011, an increase of 3.3 per cent from 2010.



Stability brings Russian interest to Mozambique

MOZAMBIQUE'S MACRO-ECONOMIC

stability during recent years has sparked an interest by the Russian government and Russian businesses to invest in the country.

Special representative to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev (above), Mikhail Margelov, recently said during a recent visit to South Africa: "Russia is returning to Africa". He told reporters from Mozambique Russia was always "a natural ally" of the African continent.

Signaling out Mozambique, Margelov said it was as one of the most stable African economies.

Carbon emission tax for Namibia

NAMIBIAN MOTORISTS are preparing for a carbon emission tax on vehicles as the country's Treasury considers ways to broaden and diversify revenue systems.

The Namibian cabinet is mulling over income tax-strengthening measures such as environmental levies on items who's manufacture increases carbon emissions. Finance Minister, Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila said parliament would have to pass a special resolution to impose taxes in terms of the Customs Act. This could include levies on plastic bottles, tyres, bulbs and other environmental pollutant substances.

South Africa has already introduced carbon emission taxes with car buyers paying between R14,000 and R25,000 on top of a vehicle's selling price.



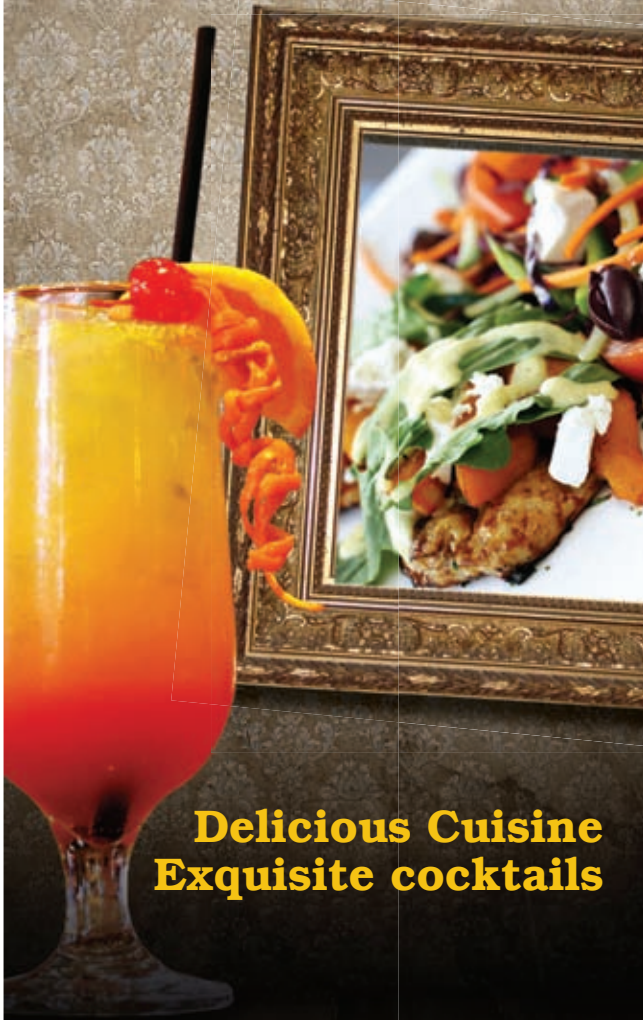
Namakwa Diamonds shine

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE-LISTED Namakwa Diamonds expects to generate positive cashflow from its flagship Lesotho mine in the first quarter of this year.

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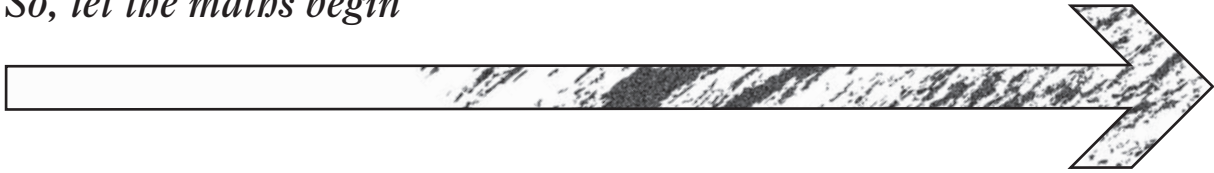


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CAR OF THE YEAR STARTING GRID

*Indwe's award-winning motoring guru **Ray Leathern** is one of the 30 SAGM's jury members choosing the 2012 Car of the Year... So, let the maths begin*





AS YOU SIT HERE, the South African Guild of Motoring Journalists (SAGMJ) jury members are readying themselves for the final 3 days of testing at the Gerotek car testing facility in Pretoria to choose the 2012 Car of the Year. Final testing takes place in February, unfortunately, for my story to appear on time, I must write it now; and now for me is December (last year). So, I shall dedicate this story to a 2012 Car of the Year on paper.

But in all seriousness, the Wesbank/SAGMJ Car of the Year competition is arguably the most organised and above board competition of its kind, run anywhere in the world. The World Car of the Year is a paper vote. The jurors simply post an envelope to Zurich or wherever, with the car they like most. Us democratic South Africans like our motoring far too much for that. So we must slave, toil and test before we cast our votes transparently.

The ten finalists we have to choose from are an interesting bunch, and my maths lesson today is meant to rank them from 1 to 10 like a qualifying grid for the Gerotek days. No consideration for how they drive, or my own subjective opinions thrown into the mix. How can you compare cars like a supermini Picanto to a two seater SLK roadster? That's the beauty of our South African competition; at the end we can hopefully answer whether a funky crossover costing x-amount is actually better than a luxury sedan costing z-amount.

I want to stress this is only my system for calculating a way through these cars. The other 29

jurors will have their own ways and criteria, and hopefully in March, when the winner is announced, the correct numbers of votes will have gone to the most deserving car.

SCORING ⇒

My scoring is stretched over six criteria: price, warranty, performance, practicality, eco and specification. The FIA F1 constructor's world championship awards 25 points to 1st place finishers, 18 to 2nd place, 15 to 3rd, 12 to 4th, 10 to 5th, 8 to 6th, 6 to 7th, 4 to 8th, 2 to 9th and 1 to 10th. If it's good enough for the FIA, it's good enough for our own constructor's championship.

PRICE ⇒

This, along with warranty, is probably the only straightforward category. Price is price. With the R115, 995 - Kia Picanto coming out tops, the R219, 900 - Hyundai Elantra coming 2nd and the R274, 500 - Volkswagen Jetta 3rd. The Mercedes-Benz SLK350 came in last at R734, 100. These were the prices available in December of course.

WARRANTY ⇒

The best warranty goes to the Hyundai Elantra and the Alfa Romeo Giulietta (5yr/150, 000km) with the Mercedes-Benz SLK350 and Audi A6 lagging at the back with their standard 2yr standard warranty.

PERFORMANCE ⇒

Now things get interesting because performance across a range of diesel, petrol, four and six cylinder engines shouldn't only be about power output, it should be about efficiencies. So

we took the power output per litre, and your best performers were: the Citroen DS4 with 91kW per litre and the Alfa Romeo Giulietta with 89kW per litre. The Volkswagen Jetta came in 3rd again. And the Suzuki Kizashi with its normally aspirated 2.4-litre, petrol motor is the least efficient power deliverer for its size.

PRACTICALITY ⇒

The winner is the Peugeot 5008 with its 830-litres of boot space and 7-seater layout. The Audi A6 took 2nd from the Volkswagen Jetta again, for overall interior freedom. Of course the Mercedes-Benz SLK350 only scores 1 for being a 2-seater and having the smallest boot.

ECO ⇒

This wasn't just a calculation of economy and CO2 emissions. Like we did for performance; it's about overall efficiencies of the engine, so we calculated CO2 and litres per 100km fuel economy - per litre of displacement. You'd be surprised but the most efficient engines for their size and performance are the Mercedes-Benz SLK350, the Audi A6, and then the Ford Focus in 3rd. The least eco, as it turns out, is the Volkswagen Jetta. Yikes!

SPECIFICATION ⇒

A very relevant portion of the competition: which offers the most kit for the money? The top performers (true to form) are the two French cars: the Peugeot 5008 and the Citroen DS4 in 2nd. The Suzuki Kizashi comes in at a respectable 3rd. The least specified were the Kia Picanto (only offering

USB connection and Bluetooth) and the Volkswagen Jetta (only offering cruise control) for its starting price.

PENALTIES ⇒

Here we must subtract points for lack of safety equipment. Both the Korean offerings lose out here: the Hyundai Elantra without any electronic stability control (ESP) and the Kia Picanto with no ESP and just 2 airbags versus the others. The Citroen DS4 loses points for rear windows that bizarrely don't open; while both the Mercedes-Benz SLK350 and the Audi A6 actually gain points for offering 'pre-safe' systems as standard, that know when you're going to have a crash.

FINAL RESULTS ⇒

Hyundai Elantra 1.8 GLS _____	72PTS
Peugeot 5008 2.0 HDI Active _____	69PTS
Alfa Romeo Giulietta 1.4 MultiAir Distinctive _____	68PTS
Ford Focus 2.0 TDCi Trend Powershift _____	63PTS
Audi A6 3.0 TDI Quattro S-Tronic _____	60PTS
Volkswagen Jetta 1.4 TSI Highline _____	58PTS
Citroen DS4 1.6 THP Sport _____	57PTS
Suzuki Kizashi 2.4 SDLX _____	55PTS
Picanto 1.2 EX _____	50PTS
Mercedes-Benz SLK350 _____	50PTS

So there you have it. This is how I rank the 2012 Car of the Year starting grid on paper. The Hyundai Elantra is an unsurprising front-runner with its class leading warranty, value for money and good engine.

The Peugeot 5008 is sort of like Uruguay sneaking all the way to the semi-finals of the FIFA World Cup, a worthy collection of specification, but I can't imagine it'll compete well when it comes down to the nitty-gritty of driving.

Which leaves us with the Alfa Romeo Giulietta, the Ford Focus and the Audi A6 - battling it out with the Hyundai Elantra. The Germans, the Koreans, the Americans and the Italians all fighting for supremacy over South Africa soil... Man, it promises to be a good competition. ✕



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Bouncing BOK



*After the disappointment of missing out on the World Cup, Sharks star **Lwazi Mvovo** is determined to make his mark during this year's Super Rugby tournament*

BY PIERRE DE VILLIERS



OF ALL THE RUGBY PLAYERS to miss out on Springbok selection for last year's World Cup, no-one was unluckier than Lwazi Mvovo. Despite being described as an 'extraordinary talent' by then-Bok coach Peter de Villiers, the Sharks

wing was omitted from the SA squad travelling to New Zealand in favour of the more versatile, but less explosive, Odwa Ndungane. While scores of Springbok fans took to internet chatrooms to vent their anger at the decision in colourful language, the player at the centre of the storm handled the devastating news with grace and maturity.

"I took it on the chin and simply told myself that, while disappointing, it wasn't the end of my career," Mvovo recalls. "What made the news easier to take was the amazing support I got from my family as well as the Sharks players in the Springbok team who gave me a call and didn't believe me when I said I didn't make the team. I saw my World Cup omission as a hiccup and it has actually motivated me to do better and improve my game. I am always eager to learn."

Mvovo has certainly been a quick study over the last few years, impressing at Currie Cup, Super Rugby and international level with his scorching pace (he runs the 100 metres in 10,6 seconds) and finishing ability. The Sharks will be hoping the 25-year-old is at his blistering best as they head into another demanding Super Rugby campaign, with the South African teams taking on the best in New Zealand and Australia as well as each other in bone-jarring home and away derby games.

"My man, those local Super Rugby derbies are tough," Mvovo says with a chuckle. "Playing against the South African sides is just a different ball game. It gets physical because the guys want to make the Springbok side. To be honest there are no easy games in Super Rugby. Look at the Reds – a while back they were nowhere and then they won the Super title. Then you also have a team like the Highlanders who have started playing well. Week in and week out it's a new challenge so it won't be easy."

For Mvovo, just making the Sharks team on a regular basis might be tricky with fellow Boks JP Pietersen and Odwa Ndungane competing for spots on the wing.

"I actually think it's healthy to have so much competition for the wing birth at the Sharks because it keeps you on your toes," Mvovo says. "It's good for the team because everyone continually plays their best to try and keep that jersey. Holding down that position is not going to be easy but it keeps you motivated. For me it is also hugely helpful to train and play alongside two seasoned players like Odwa and JP who have been part of the system for some time. I have learnt a lot from both of them. Having that sort of experience in the team really helps because I haven't played this sport for that long."



MVOVO CHARGES PAST ENGLAND TACKLERS ON HIS WAY TO THE TRY-LINE AT TWICKENHAM IN 2010

“ NOT GOING TO THE WORLD CUP HAS MOTIVATED ME ”

and brought him down with a brilliant tackle. On attack Mvovo hasn't been half bad either over the last few years, scoring tries by the bucket-load

and playing a big part in the Sharks' Currie Cup triumph in 2010 and the team's Super Rugby play-off spot last year.

“Playing for the Sharks is fantastic, especially at the Shark Tank in Durban,” Mvovo says. “The support is amazing. The fans cheer you week in and week out so I don't mind an autograph here and there and posing for pictures. Those are the things that keep a player motivated and makes you want to do more. Everyone wants to be one of the players to bring the Super Rugby trophy to Durban for the first time.”

Beyond the Super Rugby campaign, Mvovo has set his sights on getting back in the Bok side after making an instant impression in the green and gold in 2010 during the end-of-year tour to the northern hemisphere – the wing scoring a memorable try against England at Twickenham.

“That was a wonderful moment – just to silence the crowd,” remembers Mvovo. “Scoring my first international try was out of this world and I can't really put it in words.”

And while his time spent as a Springbok was less memorable last year, the winger joining the 'B Boks' on their ill-fated Tri-Nations away leg, Mvovo is determined to be part of a new era in South African rugby.

“There are a few Springboks with a lot of experience who have retired and it opens up the door for some younger guys,” he says. “There is so much young talent coming through who are very motivated and eager to play for the Springboks. It's exciting times for Springbok rugby and I want to be part of it.” ✕

The Super Rugby competition kicks off on 24 February



MVOVO LIFTS THE CURRIE CUP WITH TEAM-MATES LUZUKO VULINDLU, JP PIETERSEN AND ODWA NDUNGANE

It is indeed easy to forget that Mvovo, who was born in Mthatha and attended Maria Louw High School in Queenstown, only started playing rugby well into his teens.

“I was actually a soccer player and also did athletics,” he recalls. “I was going to play first team soccer under 15s but all my friends at the time wanted to me to try rugby. I thought it can't be all that bad and made the switch.”

Mvovo soon had the opposition grasping thin air with his stampeding runs down the touchline and was picked for the Border Under 18 Craven Week team. In 2006 he was accepted into the Sharks Academy and two years later made his Currie Cup debut. In 2009 he caught the eye when, during a game between the Sharks and British and Irish Lions, he easily hauled in Brian O'Driscoll from behind

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VIP TREATMENT *all the way*

A luxury hotel needs a luxury set of wheels to chauffeur its 'celebrities-for-a-day' in

BY RAY LEATHERN



PHOTO: LEON COSTHUIZEN

WHEN IT COMES to receiving the best luxury treatment around, the Pepper Club Hotel & Spa in the bustling city centre of cosmopolitan Cape Town doesn't disappoint. Awarded the CNN Traveller award for best luxury hotel in South Africa

in 2011, the Pepper Club Hotel & Spa garnered this award for its 'fine dining, world class amenities, slick management' and a Rolls Royce Phantom chauffeur service to its very own second location, the Pepper Club on the Beach. We saddled up for the

weekend to experience it first-hand.

The idea of a hotel incorporating a second location is the first of its kind in South Africa and we have to say it's an absolute turn of genius. The idea being that rather than hopping into your filthy rental car for a Camps Bay daytrip, the

“ The idea of a hotel incorporating a second location is a turn of genius ”



PHOTO: LEON COSTHUIZEN

Pepper Club will help you forego the buskers, over filled restaurants, lack of parking, and you'll have a VIP table booked at the Pepper Club on the Beach, where you can strip down into your best beach attire, using their private locker rooms, and truly spend the day at leisure beaching, dining, or sipping

on a cocktail at the bar. It's brilliant.

Being a car nut, of course I was more besotted with the car we were chauffeured in to Pepper Club on the Beach - a R7 million Rolls Royce Phantom. The vehicle is sumptuous and nothing like any luxury car I've ever been in.

And how does arriving in Camps Bay in a Rolls Royce Phantom, and climbing out of the rear opening, suicide doors feel? I recommend going to the Pepper Club and using the service personally because it is pretty much the coolest thing I've ever experienced.

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A Beautiful Corner

The De Hoek Country Hotel outside Johannesburg has the most idyllic country setting you are ever likely to find

BY RAY LEATHERN

TUCKED AWAY over the meander of the Magalies River, the 5-star De Hoek Country Hotel is a discerning masterclass in tranquil accommodation. The trifecta of country existence is in attendance: rustling woodlands, babbling rivers and beautifully landscaped gardens. And if you're lucky you could even be serenaded, as I was, by a balmy, evening thunderstorm.

De Hoek's 20 luxury suites each offer four poster beds, standalone marble bath and basins, underfloor heating and a luxurious combination of handcrafted mahogany, Oregon pine and teak furniture that blend effortlessly with warm, tactile fabrics for maximum ambience in the rooms.

De Hoek gives the impression that it's been nestled away at its location since the turn of the century, far longer than it actually has been.

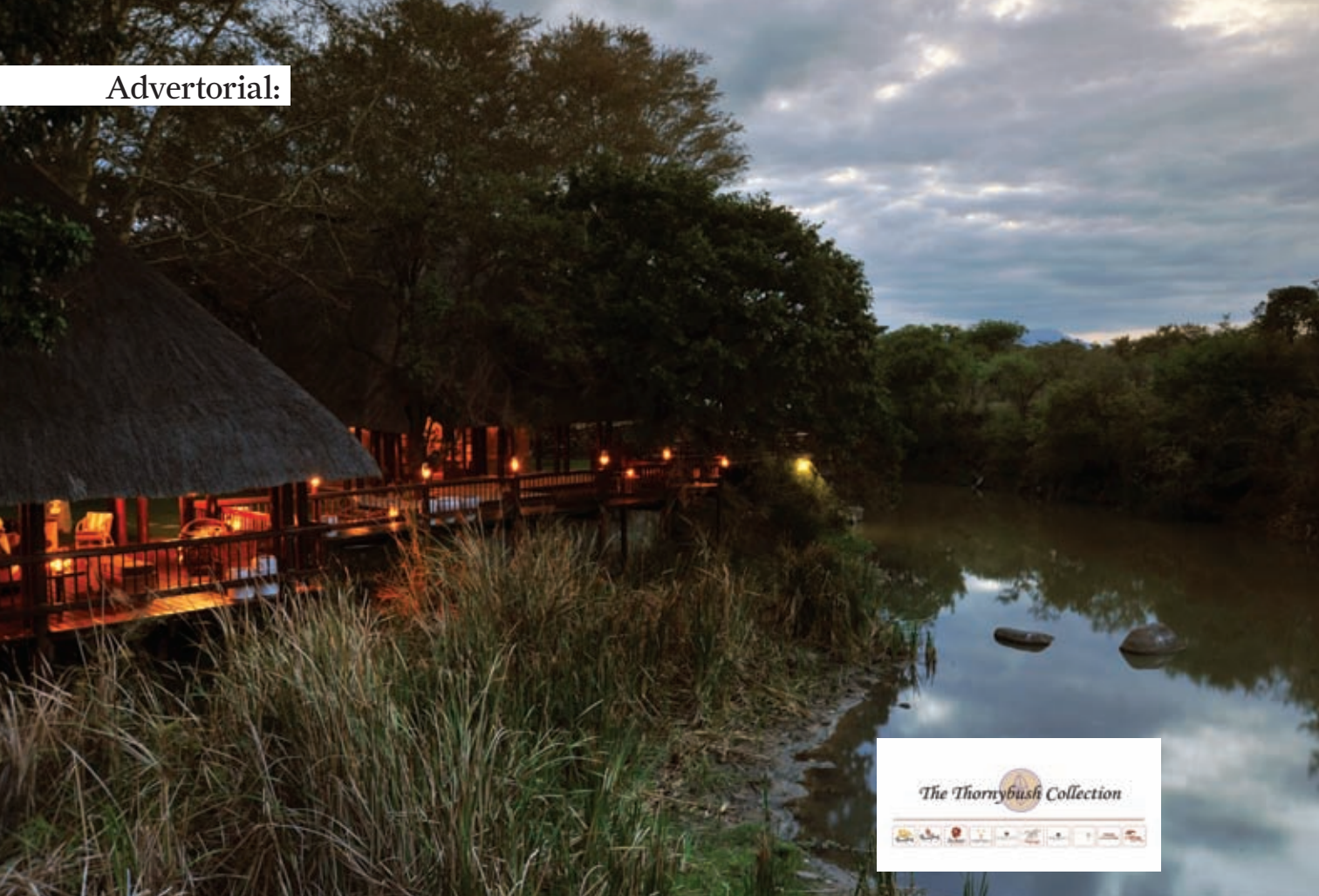
Five-course dining in the 'Conservatory' dining room or outside on 'Michael's Verandah' incorporates delectable Mediterranean, Swiss and French culinary influences. The menu changes every night but a standout course for me was the 'Trio of crème brulee', which may have been the tastiest dessert I've ever had.

The charming service I received from assistant manager, Henry, was also an absolute delight. It may not be a family-run hotel but it feels like it aspires to reach that level of intimacy.

De Hoek, which is just an hour outside Johannesburg, offers a host of country-inspired activities for guests too, including: hot-air ballooning, micro-lighting, horse riding and croquet, archery or badminton on the lawns.

For those of you who are lucky enough to have one, there is even ample parking and landing space for your helicopter. De Hoek can host 60 guests (40 of which can sleep over) for an intimate wedding and also has conference facilities for 30 guests.

Good luck if you come to De Hoek for a conference because I can guarantee you will spend all that time staring out the window falling in love with the place. www.dehoek.com



Thornybush Waterside Lodge: 10th game lodge to be welcomed to pristine collection

The five star Thornybush Waterside Lodge (formerly Kapama Main Lodge) is located on the Thornybush Nature Reserve, currently fenced out of the reserve, on just over 2,200 hectares.

Through a proposed merger with its current owners, the Thornybush Collection assumed management of the lodge, closed the operation for six weeks whilst the lodge underwent cosmetic improvements and reopened for business on 15 December last year.

It is conveniently located on a large expanse of water - the lounge, dining and outside bar areas enjoying views of both the bush and the waterside. There are 20 comfortable suites with private decks, all within minutes walking distance of the entertainment areas of the Lodge.

"This lodge fits well into the Collection's varied

lodge offerings," says the Group's CEO Nic Griffin. "This addition gives us the opportunity to sell an entry level five star product at a very competitive pricing level. As the agreement between the new owners is concluded, conservationists will applaud the bringing down of the fences and adding additional traversing totalling over 10,500 hectares to the current 2000 hectares.

"The game viewing experience will be hugely enriched and with SA Express' additional direct flights from Hoedspruit's Eastgate Airport to Cape Town direct, plus added capacity on the twice daily Johannesburg routes, will bring both domestic and International tourism to our collection of nine lodges within the Thornybush Nature Reserve and our flagship Sabi Sands five star lodge, Simbambili."

www.thornybushcollection.co.za





Thornybush
WATERSIDE LODGE



Airline news

Letters from you, our customers



PHOTO GALLO

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to thank the staff at the Bloemfontein Airport (pictured above). I was contacted by Ansie who informed me that I had left my driver's license in the lounge. Maletia had found it and handed it in. It is nice to know that there are still staff out there that will make the effort and not just take the easy route.

Once again thank you to Maletia and Ansie.

Regards, Ken Stavrou

Dear Sir/Madam

Being a retired businessman, I have had the pleasure of flying with SAA and SA Express for the past 42 years with no unpleasant experiences until I was verbally abused by a fellow passenger who appeared to be intoxicated. Lee-Maree Deysel and her fellow hostess immediately took charge of

the situation. The two young ladies managed to restrain the man until the SAPS took control after the passengers disembarked.

I wish to congratulate them on a job well done and I hope the airline will acknowledge their bravery and I hope this passenger is banned from flying on SAA or SA Express.

Kind Regards, Mike Stone

Dear Sir/Madam

An original flight with Air Namibia was cancelled and rescheduled with SA Express. All passengers were quickly reissued with boarding passes, their luggage collected and boarded SA1732. SA1732 absorbed approximately twenty unplanned passengers easily. With only one crew member (Sasa Mokoene) the service was excellent and each customer was served

well within our short flight between Namibia and Johannesburg.

I have flown with SA Express on several different occasions and have been very pleased. This flight with its added complications has solidified my commitment to the company. The flight operators and the crew should receive accolades for going well above their business expectations.

Thank you to all, Vincent O. Penn

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to complement your staff members, who in an unusual circumstance responded with professionalism and empathy.

On 31 October last year on alighting from an East London to Cape Town flight (SA1368) in a gusty wind, despite being fairly agile and fit, I lost my balance on the aircraft steps and fell onto the tarmac.

The ground staff came to my assistance, and with great caring took me aside and gathered my bags. They immediately called the medics, helped me into one of the ground vehicles and took me to the terminal to be thoroughly checked.

I want to especially complement a young lady called Glen, who stayed with me the entire time, carried my bags, and offered any support I required. Please place this complement on her performance record, as I experienced her calm professionalism as impressive in a young staff member, and worthy of reward.

Thank you to all concerned,
C.H. Wyley



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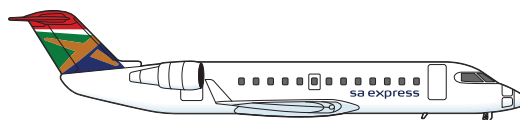
Airline information

SA express fleet

Canadair Regional Jet 200 BER

Manufacturer: **Bombardier**
 Maximum cruising speed:
474 knots/545mph/879kmph
 Engines: **Two General Electric CF34-3B1**
 Range: **1,662miles/3,080km**
 Maximum altitude:
41,000ft/12,496m
 Seating capacity: **50**

Crew: **Two pilots, two crew**
 Wing span: **69ft 7in/21.21m**
 Overall length:
87ft 10in/26.77m
 Overall height: **20ft 5in/6.22m**
 Maximum take-off weight:
51,000lb/23,134kg
 Minimum runway length:
6,295ft/1,919m



De Havilland Dash 8 Series 300 Turboprop

Manufacturer: **Bombardier**
 Maximum cruising speed:
285 knots/328mph/528kmph
 Engines: **Two Pratt & Whitney PW123E**
 Range: **1,250 miles/2,000km**
 Maximum altitude:
25,000ft/7,620m
 Seating capacity: **50**

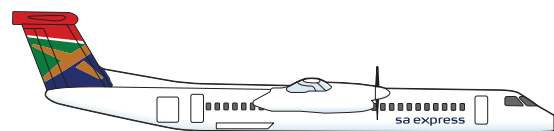
Crew: **Two pilots, two crew**
 Wing span: **90ft/27.4m**
 Overall length: **84ft 3in/25.7m**
 Overall height: **24ft 7in/7.49m**
 Maximum take-off weight:
43,000lb/19,505kg
 Minimum runway length:
3,775ft/1,150m



De Havilland Dash 8 Series Q400 Turboprop

Manufacturer: **Bombardier**
 Maximum cruising speed:
360knots/414mph/667kmph
 Engines: **Two Pratt & Whitney Canada PW150A**
 Range: **1,565 miles/2,519km**
 Maximum altitude:
25,000ft/7,620m
 Seating capacity: **74**

Crew: **Two pilots, two crew**
 Wing span: **93ft 3in/28.42m**
 Overall length: **107ft 9in/32.83m**
 Overall height: **27ft 5in/8.34m**
 Maximum take-off weight:
64,500lb/29,257kg
 Minimum runway length:
4,580ft/1,396m



Canadair Regional Jet 700

Manufacturer: **Bombardier**
 Maximum cruising speed:
473 knots/544mph/875kmph
 Engines: **Two General Electric CF34-8C5B**
 Range: **1,477m/2,794km**
 Maximum altitude:
41,000ft/12,496m
 Seating capacity: **70**

Crew: **Two pilots, two crew**
 Wing span: **76ft 3in/23.2m**
 Overall length:
106ft 8in/32.51m
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 Maximum take-off weight:
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About us

SA Express is a domestic and regional, passenger and cargo carrier established on 24 April 1994. SA Express has since become one of the fastest-growing regional airlines in Africa.

As a regional airline with route networks covering major local and regional cities, SA Express plays a significant role in the country's hospitality, travel and tourism industry and is a vital contributor to the continent's socio-economic development.

The airline's head office is based at OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. SA Express has a growing fleet of 23 aircraft and implements technical maintenance for all its fleet types there.

SA Express vision

SA Express aims to become the most successful regional airline, providing the best service to our customers while optimising profit.

SA Express aims to give all passengers maximum service

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special meals

Passengers with special dietary requirements are provided for through the following special meals: kosher, halal, Muslim, Hindu, low-fat and vegetarian meals. Orders for special meals should be placed at the time of making flight reservations. The airline requires a minimum of 48 hours' notice prior to departure in order to assist with confirmation of requests.

Passengers requiring special attention Requirements for unaccompanied minors (passengers under the age of 12 years) or passengers requiring wheelchairs should be stated at the time of making the reservation. Owing to the size of the cabins on our aircraft types, the airline is not in a position to carry stretcher passengers or incubators.

Cabin baggage

SA Express will accept one piece of cabin baggage not exceeding a total dimension of 115cm and 7kg in weight. For safety reasons, cabin baggage must fit into approved stowage spaces: either the overhead luggage bin or under the seat. Owing to limited storage space in the aircraft cabin, cabin baggage may be placed in the Skycheck at the aircraft for hold stowage.

Skycheck

This is the airline's special hand-luggage facility that assists with in-flight comfort, speedy boarding and disembarking. When boarding one of our flights, simply place any hand luggage that will not be required during the flight on to the Skycheck cart at the boarding steps of the aircraft. Your hand luggage will be waiting for you as you disembark from the aircraft at your destination.

Baggage liability

Valuable items such as cameras and accessories, computers – including laptops and notebooks – mobile telephones, perfumes, aftershaves, colognes, legal and company documents and legal tender – including cash, credit cards and cheques – bullion, leather jackets, all types of jewellery and any other items with a value in excess of R400 must be removed from either checked-in or Skycheck baggage as the airline is not liable for loss or damage to these items.

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Vision & values

SA Express acknowledges that its employees are its most important asset. To this effect, the company encourages interaction and sharing of company vision, information and goals at all levels. The airline also prides itself on its commitment to the creation of a culture of transparency, integrity and teamwork that celebrates the contributions of its diverse workforce.

We Fly For You

SA Express Airways prides itself on aiming to offer incomparable service standards. In addition to building on our motto to express excellence and consistently striving to provide the best service, we know that "you" is the most important word in our airline. SA Express proudly launched its new brand on 2 December 2009 at OR Tambo International Airport. The new brand is set to ensure that it's distinctive and positioned to build awareness and affinity in the domestic and regional markets.

The new proposition "We Fly for You" is set to position SA Express as a premier intra-regional African brand. The main objective of the re-brand is to ensure that SA Express is distinctive yet still aligned to the country's mainline carrier.

SA Express's unique positioning as an airline that provides a bespoke, personalised travel experience was the rationale behind the proposition "We Fly for You". The new brand mark is in line

with the symbol and colours of the national flag, encouraging national pride. The new brand will be applied to all brand touch-points throughout the operation as well as the staff uniform.

Awards

SA Express has won the AFRAA Regional Airline of the Year Award at the end of 2009, and the Allied and Aviation Business Corporate Award. Our airline was also the recipient of the Annual Airline Reliability Award from Bombardier at the end of 2007. Other previous awards include the International Star Quality Award, which indicates our commitment to service excellence, while our prominence as one of the top 500 best managed companies is proof of our success as a business.

Onboard service

The airline's onboard service is unique and offers passengers a variety of meals or snacks. The airline pioneered its unique meal-box concept, and meal choices are frequently updated and designed using balanced food criteria: appearance, taste and nutritional value. Passengers can also enjoy a wine and malt service on specified flights as well as refreshments on all flights.

Our customers can expect a safe, comfortable, quality air-travel experience, with the added benefits of frequency, reliability, on-time departures and unmatched value for money.

CORE VALUES

Safety first Rigorous adherence to national and international standards to ensure safe and comfortable air travel.

Service before self Meeting and exceeding customer and employee expectations through caring and high standards of service excellence. Both internal and external communication need to be in line with service delivery in total transparency.

Performance-driven Implementation of a well-defined strategy and clearly articulated corporate and individual objectives to meet performance targets and ensure our growth.

Self-development Proactive learning and development targeted to meet the challenging demands of our jobs and holistic individual growth, as well as to promote business performance.

Accountability and integrity Taking ownership of both responsibility and follow-through, with a commitment to the highest ethical and professional standards.

Passion We have a passion for the "SA Express way". Work is delivered with enthusiasm and a desire for excellent performance. Success is rewarded, recognised and celebrated in a fun and exciting manner in our everyday interaction.

Safety information

Health regulations

Health regulations at certain airports require that the aircraft cabin be sprayed. The spray is harmless, but if you think it might affect you, please cover your nose and mouth with a handkerchief.

Remain seated

As a safety precaution, passengers are requested to remain seated with seatbelts fastened after the aircraft has landed, until the seatbelt sign has been switched off by the captain.

Portable electronic equipment

Passengers are requested not to use any electronic equipment on board the aircraft as it may interfere with its

avionics system. Heart pacemakers, hearing aids, clocks, watches, timers and medical equipment approved for use in aircraft, however, may be used without restrictions.

Cellular telephones

Cellular telephones may be used on the ground while passenger doors are open. Cellular telephones, smartphones or any device with flight mode must be switched off as soon as the cabin doors are closed and when the senior cabin-crew member makes an announcement on the public-address system.

Laptop computers

Laptop computers (excluding CD-Roms), handheld calculators, electric

shavers and portable personal listening devices may not be used on the ground during taxi but may be used during the flight when the seatbelt signs are switched off and with permission from the captain.

Should circumstances dictate otherwise, a public-address announcement cancelling this concession will be made by a crew member.

Prohibited equipment

Portable printers, laser pointers, video equipment, CB/AM/FM/FHF/satellite receivers, two-way radios, compact disc and mini-disc players, scanners, remote-controlled toys and power converters are prohibited for use at any time.

Safety pamphlet

Read the safety pamphlet in the seat pocket in front of you and take note of your nearest emergency exit.

Smoking

In accordance with international trends, smoking is not permitted on board any SA Express flights.

Seat belts

Please fasten your seat belt whenever the seat belt signs are illuminated. For your own safety we suggest that you keep it fastened throughout the flight.

Important

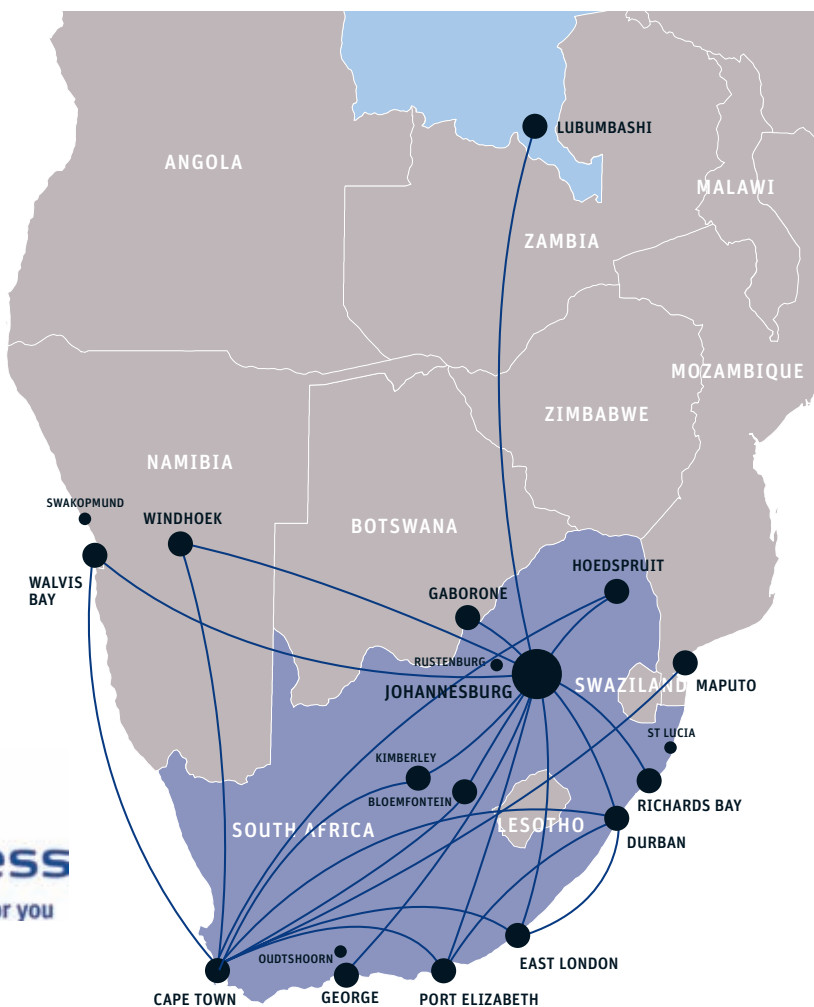
When in doubt, please consult our cabin crew.

For your comfort and security, please comply with the above safety regulations at all times while on board

Route map

SA Express:

Johannesburg
Bloemfontein
Cape Town
Durban
East London
Gaborone
George
Hoedspruit
Kimberley
Lubumbashi
Maputo
Port Elizabeth
Richards Bay
Walvis Bay
Windhoek



FLIGHT SCHEDULE

JOHANNESBURG - BLOEMFONTEIN

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1001	06:10	07:15	01:05	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1003	08:00	09:05	01:05	DH4	x	x	x	x	x	x	
SA 1021	10:15	11:20	01:05	DH4							x
SA 1019	11:35	12:40	01:05	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1007	12:35	13:40	01:05	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1017	13:40	14:40	01:00	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1023	14:40	15:45	01:05	DH4							x
SA 1009	14:55	16:00	01:05	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1013	16:25	17:25	01:00	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1025	18:20	19:25	01:05	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		

JOHANNESBURG - KIMBERLEY

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1101	05:55	07:10	01:15	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1103	08:00	09:15	01:15	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1115	12:15	13:30	01:15	CR2							x
SA 1109	13:10	14:25	01:15	DH4	x	x	x	x	x	x	
SA 1105	15:40	16:55	01:15	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1107	17:00	18:15	01:15	DH4							x
SA 1107	17:45	19:00	01:15	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		

JOHANNESBURG - HOEDSPRUIT

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1225	10:30	11:30	01:00	DH4	x	x	x	x	x	x	
SA 1221	12:20	13:20	01:00	DH4	x	x	x	x	x	x	

JOHANNESBURG - EAST LONDON

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1401	07:30	09:00	01:30	CR7							x
SA 1403	07:30	09:15	01:45	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1403	08:45	10:20	01:35	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1407	13:00	14:30	01:30	CR2							x
SA 1409	18:05	19:50	01:45	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		

JOHANNESBURG - DURBAN

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1445	20:10	21:20	01:10	CR7			x				
SA 1445	20:10	21:20	01:10	CR2							x

JOHANNESBURG - PORT ELIZABETH

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1453	07:55	09:30	01:35	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1457	17:35	19:10	01:35	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		

JOHANNESBURG - GEORGE

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1501	06:50	08:40	01:50	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1503	07:45	10:00	02:15	DH4							x
SA 1503	09:15	11:05	01:50	CR7							x
SA 1515	11:20	13:10	01:50	CR7							x
SA 1505	12:35	14:25	01:50	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1507	13:25	15:15	01:50	CR2							x
SA 1513	14:30	16:20	01:50	CR7							x
SA 1509	15:15	17:05	01:50	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1517	16:00	17:50	01:50	CR7							x
SA 1511	17:10	19:00	01:50	CR7			x	x	x		

JOHANNESBURG - RICHARDS BAY

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1601	05:55	07:20	01:25	DH3	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1601	06:55	07:30	01:25	DH3							
SA 1613	07:55	09:20	01:25	DH3		x		x	x		
SA 1613	08:35	10:00	01:25	DH3							x
SA 1613	09:00	10:20	01:25	DH3	x						
SA 1603	09:55	11:20	01:25	DH3	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1605	13:50	15:15	01:25	DH3	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1607	16:40	18:05	01:25	DH3	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1611	17:20	18:45	01:25	DH3							x
SA 1611	17:50	19:15	01:25	DH3							x

BLOEMFONTEIN - JOHANNESBURG

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1016	06:25	07:30	01:05	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1002	07:45	08:50	01:05	DH4	x	x	x	x	x	x	
SA 1004	09:45	11:00	01:15	DH4	x	x	x	x	x	x	
SA 1022	11:55	13:00	01:05	DH4							x
SA 1020	13:20	14:24	01:05	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1008	15:00	16:00	01:00	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1024	16:10	17:15	01:05	DH4							x
SA 1012	16:30	17:35	01:05	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1014	18:25	19:25	01:00	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1026	19:40	20:40	01:00	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		

KIMBERLEY - JOHANNESBURG

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1102	08:05	09:15	01:10	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1104	10:10	11:20	01:10	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1110	15:20	16:30	01:10	DH4	x	x	x	x	x	x	
SA 1106	17:30	18:40	01:10	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1116	18:45	19:30	00:45	CR2							x
SA 1108	19:35	20:45	01:10	DH4							x
SA 1108	19:40	20:50	01:10	DH4	x	x	x	x			
SA 1108	19:40	20:50	01:10	CR2	x	x	x	x			

HOEDSPRUIT - JOHANNESBURG

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1226	12:10	13:15	01:05	DH4	x	x	x	x	x	x	
SA 1222	13:50	14:55	01:05	DH4	x	x	x	x	x	x	

EAST LONDON - JOHANNESBURG

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1404	09:50	11:30	01:40	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1404	10:45	12:20	01:35	CR2							x
SA 1406	13:55	15:30	01:35	CR7							x
SA 1408	15:00	16:35	01:35	CR2							x
SA 1410	20:20	22:00	01:40	DH4	x	x	x	x	x		

DURBAN - JOHANNESBURG

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1446	21:35	22:45	01:10	CR2			x				
SA 1446	21:35	22:45	01:10	CR7							x
SA 1446	19:20	20:30	01:10	CR7							x

PORT ELIZABETH - JOHANNESBURG

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1454	10:20	11:55	01:35	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1458	19:05	20:40	01:35	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1458	19:40	21:15	01:35	CR7							x

GEORGE - JOHANNESBURG

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1518	06:15	07:55	01:40	CR7	x						
SA 1518	06:20	08:00	01:40	CR7				x	x		
SA 1520	08:30	10:10	01:40	CR7							x
SA 1502	09:10	10:50	01:40	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1504	10:30	12:40	02:10	DH4							x
SA 1504	11:40	13:20	01:40	CR7							x
SA 1516	14:00	15:40	01:40	CR7							x
SA 1506	14:55	16:35	01:40	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1508	16:00	17:50	01:50	CR2							x
SA 1514	17:00	18:40	01:40	CR7							x
SA 1510	17:45	19:25	01:40	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		

RICHARDS BAY - JOHANNESBURG

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1616	06:50	08:20	01:30	DH3	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1602	08:00	09:30	01:30	DH3	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1620	09:40	11:10	01:30	DH3							x
SA 1614	10:10	11:40	01:30	DH3		x	x	x	x		
SA 1614	10:40	12:10	01:30	DH3							x
SA 1614	10:55	12:25	01:30	DH3	x						
SA 1604	11:50	13:20	01:30	DH3	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1606	15:45	17:15	01:30	DH3	x	x	x	x	x		
SA 1608	18:35	20:05	01:30	DH3							x

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Domestic flights

DURBAN - EAST LONDON

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1301	06:00	07:15	01:15	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1309	09:00	10:15	01:15	CR2							x
SA	1303	09:35	10:50	01:15	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		x
SA	1305	13:10	14:25	01:15	CR2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
SA	1307	16:45	18:00	01:15	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		x

DURBAN - PORT ELIZABETH

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1330	06:00	07:20	01:20	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1344	08:05	09:25	01:20	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1334	09:45	11:05	01:20	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		x
SA	1334	09:45	11:05	01:20	CR2							x
SA	1346	10:15	11:35	01:20	CR2							x
SA	1336	12:00	13:20	01:20	CR2							x
SA	1338	13:30	14:50	01:20	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		x
SA	1350	14:00	15:20	01:20	CR2							x
SA	1340	17:00	18:20	01:20	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		x
SA	1342	17:40	19:00	01:20	CR2							x
SA	1348	19:50	21:10	01:20	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		x

DURBAN - CAPE TOWN

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1850	06:10	08:20	02:10	CR2	x	x	x				
SA	1854	11:20	13:25	02:05	CR2	x	x	x				
SA	1858	16:30	18:40	02:10	CR2	x	x	x				
SA	1850	06:10	08:20	02:10	CR7				x	x		
SA	1854	11:20	13:25	02:05	CR7				x	x		
SA	1858	16:30	18:40	02:10	CR7				x	x		
SA	1862	07:30	09:40	02:10	CR7						x	
SA	1868	13:40	15:45	02:05	CR7						x	x
SA	1864	08:30	10:40	02:10	CR7							x

CAPE TOWN - BLOEMFONTEIN

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1081	06:00	07:30	01:30	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1091	08:00	09:30	01:30	CR7							x
SA	1091	08:00	09:30	01:30	CR2							x
SA	1073	10:20	11:50	01:30	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1093	12:00	13:30	01:30	CR2							x
SA	1093	12:00	13:30	01:30	CR2							x
SA	1085	16:15	17:45	01:30	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1095	17:05	18:35	01:30	CR2							x
SA	1083	17:30	19:00	01:30	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		

CAPE TOWN - EAST LONDON

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1371	06:00	07:25	01:25	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1361	08:45	10:10	01:25	CR2							x
SA	1365	10:10	11:35	01:25	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1377	12:00	13:25	01:25	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1363	13:00	14:25	01:25	CR2							x
SA	1367	14:15	15:40	01:25	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1375	17:20	18:45	01:25	CR2							x
SA	1369	18:25	19:50	01:25	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		

CAPE TOWN - PORT ELIZABETH

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1801	06:00	07:10	01:10	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1805	06:30	07:40	01:10	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1805	06:30	07:40	01:10	CR2							x
SA	1807	08:10	09:20	01:10	CR7							x
SA	1807	08:10	09:20	01:10	CR2							x
SA	1813	09:55	11:05	01:10	CR2							x
SA	1813	09:55	11:05	01:10	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1809	12:30	13:40	01:10	CR7							x
SA	1811	13:30	14:40	01:10	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1811	13:30	14:40	01:10	CR2							x
SA	1833	14:00	15:10	01:10	CR2							x
SA	1823	14:45	15:55	01:10	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1823	14:45	15:55	01:10	CR2							x
SA	1827	16:05	17:15	01:10	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1829	17:45	18:55	01:10	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1831	18:30	19:40	01:10	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1831	18:30	19:40	01:10	CR2							x

CAPE TOWN - HOEDSPRUIT

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1241	09:30	12:10	02:40	CR2		x					x

CAPE TOWN - KIMBERLEY

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1151	05:50	07:20	01:30	CR2	x			x	x		
SA	1155	17:30	19:00	01:30	CR2							x

EAST LONDON - DURBAN

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1302	07:50	09:05	01:15	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1310	11:00	12:15	01:15	CR2							x
SA	1304	11:25	12:40	01:15	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		x
SA	1306	15:05	16:20	01:15	CR2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
SA	1308	18:45	20:00	01:15	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		x

PORT ELIZABETH - DURBAN

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1343	06:20	07:40	01:20	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1331	07:55	09:15	01:20	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1333	09:55	11:15	01:20	CR2							x
SA	1335	11:40	13:00	01:20	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1345	11:55	13:15	01:20	CR2							x
SA	1337	14:05	15:25	01:20	CR7							x
SA	1339	15:10	16:30	01:20	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1339	15:10	16:30	01:20	CR2							x
SA	1351	15:50	17:10	01:20	CR2							x
SA	1347	17:50	19:10	01:20	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1341	20:15	21:35	01:20	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1341	20:15	21:35	01:20	CR2							x

CAPE TOWN - DURBAN

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1853	08:50	10:50	02:00	CR2	x	x	x				
SA	1857	14:00	16:00	02:00	CR2	x	x	x				
SA	1859	19:10	21:10	02:00	CR2	x	x	x				
SA	1853	08:50	10:50	02:00	CR7				x	x		
SA	1857	14:00	16:00	02:00	CR7				x	x		
SA	1859	19:10	21:10	02:00	CR7				x	x		
SA	1863	10:20	12:20	02:00	CR7						x	
SA	1869	16:20	18:20	02:00	CR7						x	x
SA	1865	11:10	13:10	02:00	CR7							x

BLOEMFONTEIN - CAPE TOWN

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1082	08:05	09:50	01:45	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1092	10:15	12:00	01:45	CR2							x
SA	1092	10:15	12:00	01:45	CR7							x
SA	1074	12:30	14:15	01:45	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1094	14:00	15:45	01:45	CR7							x
SA	1094	14:00	15:45	01:45	CR2							x
SA	1017	15:10	16:55	01:45	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1086	18:25	20:10	01:45	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1096	19:05	20:50	01:45	CR2							x

EAST LONDON - CAPE TOWN

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1372	08:05	09:45	01:40	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1360	09:35	11:15	01:40	CR7							x
SA	1362	10:50	12:25	01:40	CR2							x
SA	1366	12:05	13:45	01:40	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1378	14:00	15:40	01:40	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1364	15:00	16:45	01:45	CR2							x
SA	1368	16:20	17:50	01:40	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1376	19:40	21:00	01:20	CR2							x
SA	1370	20:25	22:05	01:40	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		

PORT ELIZABETH - CAPE TOWN

FLT	NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA	1802	07:45	09:05	01:20	CR2	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1806	08:20	09:40	01:20	CR7	x	x	x	x	x		
SA	1806	08:20	09:40	01:20	CR2							

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Regional flights

JOHANNESBURG - WALVIS BAY

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1701	11:30	13:45	02:15	CR7	×	×	×	×	×	×	×

JOHANNESBURG - WINDHOEK

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1731	06:15	08:15	02:00	CR2	×	×	×	×	×		
SA 1735	17:00	19:00	02:00	CR2	×	×	×	×	×		

JOHANNESBURG - GABORONE

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1761	06:10	07:05	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×		
SA 1771	08:35	09:30	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×		×
SA 1763	09:25	10:20	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
SA 1775	12:00	12:55	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
SA 1765	14:15	15:10	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
SA 1783	15:20	16:15	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
SA 1783	15:30	16:25	00:55	DH4				×			
SA 1767	17:25	18:20	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
SA 1769	19:30	20:25	00:55	DH4					×		

JOHANNESBURG - LUBUMBASHI

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1797	08:55	11:15	02:20	CR7	×	×	×	×	×		

CAPE TOWN - WALVIS BAY

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1721	10:25	12:35	02:10	CR2	×	×	×	×	×		
SA 1723	13:00	15:10	02:10	CR2							×

CAPE TOWN - WINDHOEK

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1753	11:00	13:00	02:00	CR2							×
SA 1751	15:45	17:50	02:05	CR2	×	×	×	×	×		
SA 1751	16:15	18:15	02:00	CR2							×

CAPE TOWN - MAPUTO

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1785	09:30	11:55	02:25	CR2	×		×		×		

WALVIS BAY - JOHANNESBURG

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1702	14:15	16:25	02:10	CR7	×	×	×	×	×		
SA 1702	14:30	16:20	02:10	CR7							×
SA 1702	16:00	18:05	02:05	CR7							×

WINDHOEK - JOHANNESBURG

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1732	09:30	11:30	02:00	CR2	×	×	×	×	×		
SA 1736	19:35	21:35	02:00	CR2	×	×	×	×	×		

GABORONE - JOHANNESBURG

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1762	07:50	08:45	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×		
SA 1772	10:20	11:15	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×		×
SA 1764	11:25	12:20	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
SA 1776	13:30	14:25	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
SA 1766	15:55	16:50	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
SA 1784	16:50	17:45	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
SA 1768	19:00	19:55	00:55	DH4	×	×	×	×	×	×	×

LUBUMBASHI - JOHANNESBURG

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1798	12:15	14:45	02:30	CR7	×		×	×	×	×	×

WALVIS BAY - CAPE TOWN

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1722	13:10	15:10	02:00	CR2	×	×	×	×	×		
SA 1724	15:45	17:45	02:00	CR2							×

WINDHOEK - CAPE TOWN

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1754	13:55	15:55	02:00	CR2							×
SA 1752	18:30	20:35	02:05	CR2	×	×	×	×	×		
SA 1752	19:05	21:05	02:00	CR2							×

MAPUTO - CAPE TOWN

FLT NO	DEP	ARR	FLT TIME	A/C	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
SA 1786	12:45	15:20	02:35	CR2	×		×		×		

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Le dragon rouge au paradis

Récemment, l'implication de la Chine au Mozambique s'est intensifiée, notamment avec le financement par le gouvernement chinois d'un pont sur la Baie de Maputo. Maïke Currie se penche sur la relation entre le « dragon rouge » et l'un des pays les plus pauvres d'Afrique

SI LES ENTREPRISES occidentales sont depuis longtemps réticentes à investir en Afrique à cause de sa mauvaise réputation, on parle beaucoup de la « colonisation » chinoise du continent.

Même si la croissance de l'aide et de l'engagement économique de la Chine en Afrique est manifeste dans tous les pays – sauf un : le Swaziland fidèle à Taïwan –, les observateurs sont partagés sur l'impact positif ou négatif pour l'Afrique.

Cependant, rares sont ceux qui contestent que les investissements de la « bête de l'Est » ont grandement contribué à renforcer l'efficacité infrastructurelle, des ports nigériens à la reconstruction de l'ancien chemin-de-fer Luanda en Angola. L'Afrique fonctionne mieux grâce aux Chinois.

Le Mozambique ne fait pas exception. Récemment, la Chine a accepté de financer un pont surplombant la Baie de Maputo, reliant le centre de la capitale au district de Catembe, au sud de la baie. Le projet était jusqu'à présent financé

par le gouvernement portugais, mais la crise financière qui a frappé ce pays européen de plein fouet l'a contraint à revenir sur son engagement et à laisser la main à la Chine.

Le projet, à concurrence de 300 millions USD (2 400 millions R), prévoit la construction d'un pont de 2 700 m de long et de 48 mètres de hauteur permettant le passage des plus grands bateaux. L'accord prévoit également une route asphaltée reliant Catembe à la station de Ponta do Ouro au sud, à la frontière de la province sud-africaine de Kwazulu-Natal. Les voyageurs entre Catembe et Maputo se déplacent actuellement par un ferry lent et inefficace. La route du sud sera raccordée à un tronçon principal reliant le Mozambique et l'Afrique du Sud. Le projet devrait être achevé en 2014.

Le pont de Catembe est l'un des principaux projets négociés avec la Chine par le président mozambicain Armando Guebuza lors de sa récente visite officielle.

Celle-ci faisait suite à un va-et-vient de longue date de délégations chinoises et mozambicaines. Selon le Centre d'Études chinoises de l'Université de Stellenbosch, la première visite officielle mozambicaine en Chine eut lieu en mai 1978, menée par le président de l'époque, Samora Machel. Quant à la première visite officielle chinoise au Mozambique, elle a vu le vice-premier ministre Li Xiannian y débarquer en janvier 1979.

Depuis lors, les deux pays ont poursuivi cet échange de délégations





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dette et une nouvelle série de prêts. Le Mozambique bénéficierait de plus de 200 millions USD (1600 millions R), afin notamment de construire un nouveau stade et un centre agricole.

“ LA CHINE EST DEVENUE LE DEUXIÈME INVESTISSEUR ÉTRANGER AU MOZAMBIQUE APRÈS L'AFRIQUE DU SUD. ”

officielles. La visite la plus récente du président Armando Emilio Guebuza a eu lieu en novembre 2006, à l'occasion de la troisième réunion ministérielle du Forum sur la coopération sino-africaine (FCSA). Le Mozambique s'y est vu gratifier du statut de destination approuvée (SDA) pour le tourisme chinois. Un an plus tard, les Mozambicains se massaient dans les rues de Maputo pour acclamer le convoi du président chinois Hu Jintao lors de sa visite dans la capitale. À cette occasion, ce dernier a signé l'annulation de la

Une histoire de longue date

La Chine a tenu ses promesses en finançant un centre de démonstration technologique agricole. L'Estadio do Zimpeto multi-sport a par ailleurs permis au Mozambique d'accueillir l'année dernière les 10^e Jeux panafricains, après le retrait de la candidature de la Zambie par manque de fonds. Ce n'était que la troisième fois que ces jeux étaient organisés dans la partie australe du continent et le tourisme en a grandement bénéficié.

Mais l'implication de la Chine au Mozambique dépasse les accords

signés avec Hu Jintao. Le Centre d'Études chinoises souligne que la relation sino-mozambicaine date de bien avant l'indépendance du Mozambique. La Chine a en effet fourni entraînement aux rebelles et soutien militaire au Front de libération de Mozambique (FRELIMO).

Les relations sino-mozambicaines sont demeurées inchangées durant la guerre civile de 1978-1992. Lors de la famine de 1983, la Chine a apporté une aide d'urgence au Mozambique. Le parlement mozambicain, construit en 1999, est également un don du gouvernement chinois.

À l'issue de la guerre civile dans les années 90, les acteurs économiques chinois, des secteurs de la construction et du bois notamment, ont été parmi les premiers à revenir dans le pays.

La Chine est devenue le deuxième plus grand investisseur étranger au Mozambique après l'Afrique du Sud. Le commerce entre les deux pays n'a fait que croître, atteignant 442,7 millions USD (3 540 millions R) en 2008, soit une augmentation de 48 % par

rapport à l'année précédente. Cette croissance est largement due à l'augmentation des importations chinoises de graines oléagineuses, de bois coupé et de minerai de chrome.

Le rythme rapide de l'urbanisation et de l'industrialisation en Chine crée une demande importante de charbon métallurgique de qualité, le coke, ingrédient essentiel de l'acier. L'année dernière, le China Kingho Group a annoncé qu'il financerait les travaux d'un terminal réservé au charbon dans le port de Beira, ainsi que la restauration de la ligne de chemin

de fer de Sena vers les charbonnages de Moatize, dans le bassin charbonneux de Tete au nord-ouest du Mozambique. Les experts estiment que Moatize produira 11 millions de tonnes de charbon, dont 8,5 millions pour le coke et 2,5 millions pour le charbon thermique.

L'homme de la rue

Il ne fait aucun doute que la Chine est presque omnipotente dans le pays est-africain. Certaines institutions de Maputo ont même développé des programmes d'enseignement du mandarin pour combler le fossé linguistique sino-mozambicain. Un Institut Confucius devrait être créé afin de promouvoir la culture et la pensée chinoises. En parallèle des accords politiques et des délégations économiques bénéfiques aux deux économies, comment l'implication de la Chine au Mozambique est-elle envisagée par l'homme de la rue, dans un pays qui a lutté presque 20 ans pour son indépendance ?



“ LES ENTREPRISES CHINOISES APPRENNENT VITE ET RÉSOLVENT RAPIDEMENT LES SITUATIONS DIFFICILES. ”

Selon le Centre d'Études chinoises, l'aide apportée par la Chine, quoique limitée par rapport à la communauté des donateurs et aux ONG, est reconnue et appréciée par la plupart des Mozambicains. Le peuple est fier de la construction de locaux gouvernementaux et d'infrastructures publiques et l'intérêt naissant pour le mandarin suggère une vision de plus en plus favorable des relations sino-mozambicaines, au-delà des différences culturelles entre les pays.

Les critiques, cependant, sont prompts à moquer et condamner le financement par la Chine du nouveau stade national, qui n'encourage selon eux aucunement le développement du pays et ne répond pas aux besoins de base du peuple mozambicain.

D'autres estiment que le Mozambique est en train de se constituer une réputation touristique et industrielle génératrice de revenus, comme le démontre l'utilisation du stade lors des Jeux panafricains de cette année.

Les investissements chinois stimulent indubitablement la compétition dans la région, au bénéfice de tous et de la création de nombreux emplois au Mozambique et sur le continent. Bien sûr, il y a un revers à la médaille. Le silence de la Chine sur les régimes voyous et le secret presque impénétrable autour des accords met mal à l'aise. Certains s'inquiètent également du fait que les Chinois importent leur propre main d'œuvre pour travailler sur les projets infrastructurels, entravant ainsi la

création d'emplois. Les entreprises chinoises font des erreurs, notamment au niveau du droit du travail, mais elles apprennent vite et résolvent rapidement ces situations.

Étant donné les liens historiques entre le Mozambique et la Chine et la capacité du dragon rouge à apporter un financement là où les économies occidentales, ici, l'ancien colon portugais, peinent, l'empreinte de la Chine au Mozambique et sur le reste du continent ne fera que croître. ✕ *Maïke Currie est l'auteur de The Search for Income. An Investor's Guide to Income Paying Investments et contribue au Financial Times Group en tant qu'expert sur les marchés à forte croissance.*

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James Alexander

The star of shows like *Isidingo* and *The Wild* talks about producing new Afrikaans romantic-comedy *Semi-Soet* and the challenges facing the South African film industry

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The spark for the idea for *Semi-Soet* came from one of [producer and wife] Anel's friends, Lili. We were debating the merits of two other stories, which were completely different, but we wanted to do something fun and *Semi-Soet* just seemed like the obvious choice. It's

important to us to feel passionate about the projects we take on because that's what gets us through the slog.

The story team all had jobs outside of this and that made getting stuff done a real challenge. Besides that, it was important not to be precious about pushing ideas. We learnt to collaborate so that we could get the best story out.

What did I enjoy most about working on *Semi-Soet*? Being on set in Cape Town at Vrede en Lust. It was tough and magical at the same time. And then pulling the producer card and hiring a Maserati for a day. Those are the perks of the job!

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