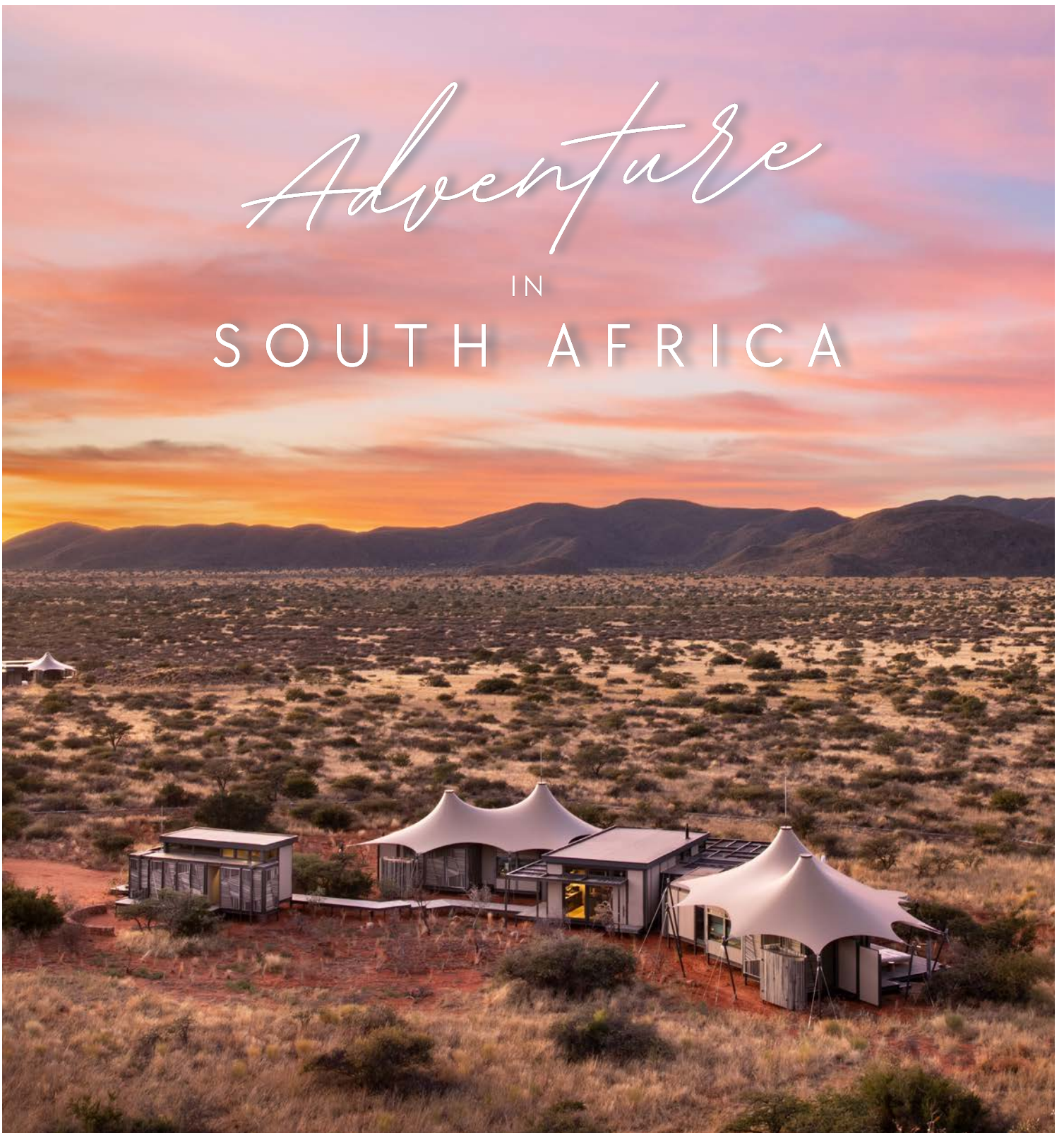


Adventure
IN
SOUTH AFRICA



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Why South Africa?

The amount that South Africa offers within a single country is staggering. From an unbelievable coastline filled with marine life, to cosmopolitan cities adjacent to centuries old vineyards, there is relaxation and indulgence for all tastes.

From the arid savanna of the Kalahari to tree-dotted plains of the bushveld, there is action-packed safari adventure, teeming with Africa's most notorious wildlife, that is sure to satisfy adventure seekers of all levels.

With abundant sunshine, rolling hills, picturesque ocean views, and rushing rivers, South Africa is a natural wonderland.

We customize your journey using partners who are renowned for their contributions to the wildlife and communities of their regions, and experiences that will stay with you for a lifetime.

"Travel is the most wonderful gift we have on this planet. I feel so honored to craft unforgettable trips to amazing destinations for our clients.

When starting Swain Destinations in 1987, our goal was to allow people to visit places that seemed inaccessible or unknown.

It was clear the best way to highlight each destination was through the eyes of the locals. We pride ourselves on our relationships with local operators and vendors who can showcase their country and make our travelers feel welcome."

- Ian Swain







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Cape Town

Set at the edge of Africa, Cape Town is a multicultural metropolis. In addition to its enriching cultural experiences, Cape Town is brimming with natural beauty – pristine coastlines, manicured gardens, and striking mountain ranges dominate the landscape. Spend your days immersed in historical sights.



Take the ferry to Robben Island or join a cooking class in the colorful Bo-Kaap neighborhood. For the truly adventurous, hike Table Mountain, or paraglide from Lions Head for the most breathtaking views of this stunning city. There is no end to the amazing accommodation options on offer, from the buzzing city center to blissful bay side retreats.





Cape Peninsula

A trip to Cape Town must also include a day of exploration of the exceedingly beautiful Cape Peninsula, which offers a window to some of the most fascinating biodiversity on the planet. Meet some of Cape Town's Marine Big Five by diving with sharks or paddling with the Boulders Beach penguins. See the spectacular sea and mountain views from the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve; home to mountain zebra, eland and ostriches. The beauty of the Peninsula must be seen to be believed.



Cape Winelands

Just an hour from Cape Town, if you are a food and wine lover, a visit to the Cape Winelands is a must. Taste and sip your way through the farms and rolling vineyards of Franschhoek, Paarl, and Stellenbosch. These historical wine regions are only an hour from Cape Town and offer world class gastronomic experiences. It offers gorgeous accommodations in picturesque locations too, so it is well worth extending your stay.





Grootbos Nature Reserve

Only two hours from Cape Town and nestled between mountain and sea, Grootbos Private Nature Reserve is a five star eco-paradise showcasing the incredible flora and marine life of the Southern Tip of Africa. Home of the Marine Big Five; whales, sharks, dolphins, seals, and penguins, Grootbos offers one of a kind luxury.





Tswalu Kalahari Reserve

Tswalu Kalahari Reserve is a vast, magical land of infinite possibility, with sweeping vistas and a liberating sense of space. The green Kalahari is nature at its most diverse and surprising, and to spend time here is to be touched by exuberant, soulful beauty. Tswalu's conservation program is robust and centered around their creed: "To leave our world better than how we found it."



A favorite of the Swain Destinations Africa team, enjoy the expanse of the Tswalu Kalahari Reserve at Loapi Tented Camp. Sustainably designed and environmentally sensitive, each tented home is tucked into the contours of a valley between the Korannaberg mountains.



Sabi Sands

Sabi Sands is home to the Big Five as well as an abundance of other animal species. With some of the most thrilling game drives in the country and low vehicle density, it is a must visit destination. Stay at Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge which is sculpted into a slope of the earth. Almost invisible in the landscape, the lodge uses texture, light, and space cues from the surrounding environment to create a mindful and organic space.





Kapama Private Game Reserve

The 16,000 hectare private game reserve is home to an abundant population of the Big Five and ensures excellent sightings. The lush vegetation and varied habitats of this balanced ecosystem means that visitors will enjoy herds of antelope, giraffe and zebra grazing and congregating at the many waterholes.



Accompanied by qualified rangers, search for the Big Five and the smaller, but no less significant, creatures that are part of an African Safari. Stay at Jabulani Safari, a lodge which will capture your heart not just for its safari experience, but the inspirational origins of its dedicated elephant orphanage, Hoedspruit Elephant Rehabilitation and Development.



Your Adventure Starts Here

It goes without saying that an itinerary including South Africa's city, sea and safari destinations should be on every seasoned traveler's "must do" list.

A Swain South Africa expert can help you choose the best location and accommodation options to fit your preferences.

Speak to our Swain Destinations Travel Experts, who are ready to customize your perfect South African adventure on 1-800-22-SWAIN (1-800-227-9246), or visit www.swaindestinations.com for even more inspiration.

