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Dear Siviwe,

A hectic March resulted in no newsletter, but we're back on track again almost! We've had so many public holidays this April it feels like we've had more days off than we've worked - what with Easter, followed closely by election day, then less than a week later Freedom Day (to celebrate our first democratic elections in 1994) and in the same week Worker's Day - which strictly speaking is already May, but it has meant we end April on a 3 day week!!

This month we wanted to bring you a couple of items that aren't generally part of the South African tourist route or sporting scene..the Cederberg Festival is a fabulous way to meet the locals - and have a great time doing it, while the 2010 World Vintage Cricket Carnival offers a sporting festival with the focus on you as the participant and not just a spectator.

For those that have done the more traditional game lodge thing, we bring you Africa with style, cruising in luxury on the Chobe River. And as I couldn't imagine a more romantic honeymoon than that, weddings came to mind, so we popped in a little reminder that we do take all the pain out of your wedding arrangements by organising the most romantic and unforgettable wedding day ...or days, because most of our international brides do make at least a weekend of the celebrations, while for some it's a week or longer with the whole wedding party often joining in the honeymoon as well!! And we're with you every step of the way to ensure nothing is forgotten.

Enjoy! Hamba Kahle...

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Cape Town Festival 2009...

CEDERBERG FESTIVAL



Autumn in the Cape's Cederberg heralds the [36th Annual Wine & Harvest Festival](#), a colourful weekend of farm-related activities including a farmers' market, arts showcase, wine festival, scarecrow contest, giant pumpkin regatta, live music, food, grape stomping and apple-bobbing. This is a South Africa that very few tourists get to see - if you're planning to be here in May come and join us!!

SOUTH AFRICAN WEDDINGS



A proliferation of bridal expos around South Africa reminds us that South Africa, and especially the Cape, is still one of the most popular wedding destinations for couples from all over the world. If you're thinking of taking that great step, contact us for a stress free wedding.



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The 5th World Vintage Cricket Carnival 2010

Come and play cricket with your family and other contenders in Cape Town, South Africa 2010...



Sunday, March 21: Teams will arrive and check in at their selected accommodation. Mid-afternoon, team managers will meet at the host hotel for their Carnival briefing. Early evening, teams will be transferred to the famed Newlands Cricket Ground for the Carnival Opening welcome party which will be a three hour function offering substantial finger foods and a selection of local beers, wines and juices. A chance to mix and mingle, greet old friends and make new ones. The evening will include light entertainment and a minimum of formalities. At the conclusion of the function, teams will be transferred back to their accommodation to enjoy the local restaurants or the extensive facilities available at their hotels or in the local area. In the event for 1st Class Cricket, the opening party will be staged at Kirstenbosch Gardens.



Monday, March 22: Teams will transfer to local cricket grounds to enjoy their 1st round of games. Host clubs will offer tea on arrival, a light lunch during the game and the opportunity to enjoy some local hospitality following the game. Early evening teams will be transferred back to their accommodation.



Tuesday, March 23: At leisure and an opportunity to sample some of the delights that Cape Town and the Western Cape have to offer. The organizers are preparing a range of tours and excursions that will be offered to visiting teams and supporters. Evening at leisure.

Wednesday, March 24: Teams will transfer to local cricket grounds to enjoy their 2nd round of games. Host clubs will offer tea on arrival, a light lunch during the game and the opportunity to enjoy some local hospitality following the game. Early evening, teams will be transferred back to their accommodation.



Thursday, March 25: A special day for those teams, players and supporters who elect to take up the option of The Vintage Cricket Carnival Big Day Out, featuring a visit to the Western Capes famous Winelands Region. This region has well over 100 established wineries. Evening at leisure.

Friday, March 26: Teams will transfer to local cricket grounds to enjoy their 3rd round of games. Host clubs will offer tea on arrival, a light lunch during the game and the opportunity to enjoy some local hospitality following the game. Teams will be transferred back to their accommodation and will you will be transferred to the Western Province Sports Clubs campus in Rondebosch for a spectacular Finale Dinner and Dance featuring a three course meal, local beers, wines and juices, a range of entertainment and a minimum of formalities. A relaxed and enjoyable way to end a wonderful week "Celebrating the Great Game of Cricket". At the conclusion of a fun evening, teams will be transferred back to their accommodation.



Saturday, March 27: Time to say good-bye to all your cricketing friends and to head for home or to continue on with your exploration of the Rainbow Nation and all it has to offer.

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Sue's Pick of The Month...



I love messing around in boats, am crazy about Botswana and I'm also not averse to a little bit of luxury, so when I discovered The Zambezi Queen I was sold!!

Its uniqueness lies in the fact that it's a sophisticated, elegant experience that has not lost the essence of all that is uniquely African. The great Chobe River is a natural wonder that epitomises the raw wilderness of Africa. These waters divide Namibia's Caprivi Strip from Botswana's Chobe National Park, and its banks boast one of the densest populations

of wildlife on the African continent. It is on this great expanse of untamed water that an adventure unlike any other awaits. This is definitely the best place in the whole of Africa to see elephant - watch trumpeting breeding herds rushing to the river to drink, contemplative old bulls standing in the shade of a mahogany tree, babies falling over themselves and mischievous young males jousting for dominance. Hippos and gigantic Nile crocodiles rule the water, and all creatures great and small come down to quench their thirst. Why join the crowds on land-based game drives when you can experience the magnificence of the Chobe in all its moods from sunrise to sunset from your own private suite aboard a luxury 45 metre boat? The Zambezi Queen operates in 5-star opulence, and is all about pampering, indulgence, and superior comfort.



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