



THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRAVEL CORPORATION

Dear Siviwe,

The last couple of months have been quite hectic, what with the lead up to the British Lions Tour, the tour itself and its aftermath, and a UK schoolboy Rugby Tour following in its wake, plus all our regular business in between, so the newsletter got very short shrift I'm afraid, but looks like we're back on track again.

The British Lions supporters were a fabulous bunch, with praise heaped upon them everywhere they went - they may have drunk the bars dry, but they were here to enjoy themselves and at no point was there any even half way ugly incident.... I only hope that the fans who will be descending upon us for the 2010 Soccer will take leaf out of their book!!

Siviwe has decided to focus on his adventure activities this month, but don't think you have to be a teenage adrenalin freak to enjoy them all - even at my advanced age (no, not telling!) I managed a treetop canopy trail, and found it was one of the most exhilarating things I've done.

Spring on the Cape's West Coast means flowers, and the Darling Wildflower show is just one of many events celebrating the end of winter, and of course the Cape wine festivals just keep getting bigger and better every year with more and more of our international visitors joining in. Pinotage on Tap is one of my favourites, so get along there if you can.

One of the attractions of South Africa is its cultural diversity, offering our visitors the chance to see living traditions in action, and the annual Reed Dance is a really great opportunity to enjoy the living culture of the Zulu people.

Come and share our diversity. Hope to see you soon.

Sue

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Upcoming Events!!!

For those who will be visiting in **SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER** here are some of the happenings you might not want to miss:

Darling Wildflower Show



The Darling Wildflower Show has been presented by the Darling Wildflower Society since 1917, and the work is substantially done by volunteers. The work of the society focuses on two significant aspects of renosterveld,....[read more](#)



The POT Festival 2009



Before you start getting worried, POT stands for Pinotage on Tap, the annual celebration of the release of the original

coffee/chocolate Pinotage from Diemersfontein.

[Click here for details](#)

Come celebrate with us - make it part of a wine weekend and contact us for transport and accommodation options at: travel@satravelco.com

Annual Reed Dance



As wine and spring flowers are to the Cape so the Zulu culture is to KwaZulu Natal. There are many traditional festivals that the Zulu Nation shares with us, but one of the most colourful is the Royal Reed Dance, held annually during September, when maidens from across Zululand congregate to dance for the king.

[Contact us](#) if you'd like to include this cultural experience in your travel plans

ADVENTURE CALLS!!!!

One of the best things about adventure is that you get to learn a thing or two about yourself even if you don't go as far as free diving to great depths in the ocean.



We've got a great, week long, adventure tour along the Garden Route leaving Cape Town for Mossel Bay and along the coast to Tsitsikamma and back via Oudtshoorn, which has to be one of the best adventure routes in the country for the greatest choice of adventure activities all in one place.

This fantastic tour put together by The South African Travel Corporation would sure be a test for some of us, but to those "dare devils" we say let the city life go and come and join us for an experience of a lifetime.



In Mossel Bay we offer you the two extremes of shark cage diving and tandem sky diving, plus a Big 5 safari, then on to Knysna & Plettenberg Bay for kayaking and abseiling and a wild sea safari.



On a gentler note we take you walking with elephants at sunrise in the Knysna Forest, before reaching the pinnacle of adrenalin thrills when you get to Tsitsikamma either jumping off the bridge on the highest commercial Bungy Jump (216m high), or trying out the newest release - a 200m cable slide - *before* doing the bungy.

Then to calm your spirit there's the **canopy tour (some call it zip line), or join the Woodcutters Journey to learn more about the Tsitsikamma Forest environment.



Oudtshoorn offers thrills of a different nature - with wild caving and quadbiking, mountain biking down the Swartberg Pass, a visit to an ostrich farm and winetasting. Once again, we include some food for the soul with a touch of Meerkat magic at sunrise.



Accommodation will be a mix of hotels and guesthouses, with a budget backpacking option - the choice is yours. For details and costs contact us at: travel@satravelco.com

***Great news is that not only can you experience the thrill of the zip line canopy tour on the Garden Route, but also in KwaZulu Natal at Karkloof, in North West Province at Magaliesberg, and very soon in Swaziland in the Malalotja Reserve.*

**Above from top -
Blaukranz Bungy
Tsitsikamma Canopy Trail
Woodcutters Journey
Ostrich Surprise
Swartberg Pass**



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