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Walkersons Hotel & Spa

OFF-THE-GRID GETAWAYS

Our top five country escapes in SA

Long-haul flights, 20kg of luggage and changing currency? Ain't nobody got time for that! We might be a little bias, but we prefer to venture locally because we have the most magnificent country and weather in the world (#justsaying!). These are our favourite remote locations to break away to when we need a break from city living, all nestled in the heart of the countryside. You can thank us later!

1. Walkersons Hotel & Spa – Dullstroom

This is the type of destination that deserves an annual visit. The exclusive five-star, 27-room boutique hotel near Dullstroom is located on 800 hectares of peaceful countryside and has a wonderful feel the second you drive into the picturesque grounds. The hotel's The Flying Scotsman and Terrace restaurants cater for both fine dining and light meals for guests and day visitors. The hotel also boasts a glistening pool overlooking the surroundings and a fabulous spa. Allow the staff to serenade you as you sip on a G&T at the fireplace with your favourite novel in hand – this is what dreams are made of!

MIDWEEK SPECIAL: Save 30% when you book a midweek stay at the hotel (valid for hotel rooms only) on a bed and breakfast or dinner, bed and breakfast basis. The special is valid until 31 August 2019. To book, email reservations@walkersons.co.za

www.walkersons.co.za



Kagga Kamma Nature Reserve

2. Kaggakamma Nature Reserve – Cederberg Mountains

What could be more of an adventure than staying inside a cave suite in the middle of the Cederberg Mountains in the Western Cape? With panoramic views of the breath-taking untouched wilderness surrounding the nature reserve, you'll be able to enjoy and focus on the little things like the elephant shrew, scrub hare and rock hyrax. You'll also be able to take in the most mesmerising sunsets! The suites are skillfully constructed to integrate with the natural sandstone formations – if you're brave, be sure to book one of the open-air suites in which the milky way is your ceiling. For a romantic stay, we highly recommend the honeymoon suite, which also happens to be the most spacious accommodation option.

www.kaggakamma.co.za

3. Omega Luxury Mountain Retreat – Clarens

Just a short drive from Clarens main town lies this exclusive mountain retreat. Here, you can stay inside a cabin and be offered absolute isolation and seclusion. It's as superb as it sounds with scenic views and an oh-so-romantic setting. The cabins are all self-catering and offer a quirky, colourful, eccentric interior. When you pour yourself a glass of bubbles and lie in your very own private jacuzzi, the city woes just drift on by! As a bonus, there are fantastic hiking and mountain bike trails. We'd love to keep this hidden gem our own little secret, but it's simply too good not to share as it's such a special spot and ridiculously affordable. Go on, go get lost in the Maluti Mountains – you won't regret it!

www.omegaclarens.co.za



Omega Luxury Mountain Retreat

5. Dalmore Guest Farm – Drakensberg

Andrew and Pippa Blackburn certainly chose a beautiful spot to create this little slice of bliss on! Just a three-and-a-half hours' drive from Jozi, upon entering the gorgeous farm grounds (greeted by harmoniously mooing cows, of course) you'll understand why they're almost always fully booked. A morning workout is mandatory followed by a lazy afternoon lounging around and preparing to watch a majestic sunset. This is a space for families with a communal dining area and swimming pool, not to mention endless mountain bike and hiking trails. You're also just five minutes from the nearest river, where you can swim, fish or have a picnic. Perhaps the most significant thing about this getaway is the tranquility of nature – we highly recommend staying in the rondavel accommodation, which is wonderfully cosy and charming.

www.dalmoreguestfarm.co.za



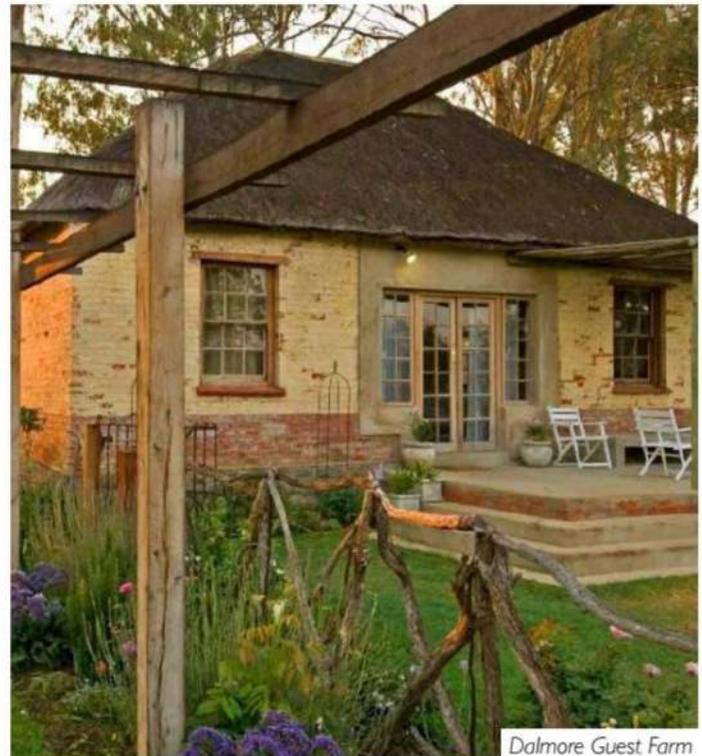
The Orient Hotel



4. The Orient Hotel – Pretoria

If you're looking for an unforgettable staycation, this intimate five-star boutique hotel inside Francolin Conservancy, Crocodile River Valley near Pretoria ticks all the right boxes. There are nine exclusive suites, all of which feature a plush and eclectic interior and the perfect ambience to get all loved up. Authentic South African hospitality, beautifully manicured gardens and intricate touches of luxury at every turn are just a few of the things you can expect to fall in love with. On site, you can take advantage of the Tienie Pritchard Museum, 280 hectares of strolling walkways and one of Europe's most popular games, pétanque. As a cherry on top, the hotel is home to the famous Restaurant Mosaic. With elegant, art nouveau décor and artfully crafted gastronomy by chef Chantel Dartnall, it's one of our all-time favourite fine-dining experiences in the world. Add this experience to your 2019 bucket list right away!

www.the-orient.net



Dalmore Guest Farm