

Northern Cape



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Augrabies Falls

If it's the unspoilt beauty of Africa that you're after, head for the sunset red sands of the Kalahari. Amid the ever-shifting sand dunes, lies one of the last intact eco-systems on the continent. South Africa's Kalahari Gemsbok Park shares an unfenced boundary with Botswana's Gemsbok National Park to form the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

Visit the nearby Augrabies Falls, where the waters of the Orange River plunge spectacularly into a gaping granite pool. It was the yellow diamond found by a young boy in 1866, which resulted in the world's biggest diamond rush and spawned the town of Kimberley.

The town's most famous attraction is the monstrous Big Hole and the adjoining Kimberley Mine Museum recapturing the prospecting spirit. Travel to Namaqualand every spring to capture one of the world's most famous floral phenomena: in early spring, The wind-swept sandveld transforms into a carpet of colourful daisies, as far as the eye can see.



★★★★ Protea Hotel Kimberley - Kimberley 15 Minutes from Kimberley Airport - 94 Bedrooms

The hotel forms the ideal base from which to enjoy and explore all that historical Kimberley has to offer including museums, war routes and most importantly, the new upgraded Kimberley Big Hole and Mining Village. Protea Hotel Kimberley, with its 94 luxury rooms, offers a restaurant and bar as well as conference facilities seating up to 80 delegates. Relax and unwind after a fun filled sight seeing day with a cocktail on our viewing deck overlooking the Big Hole, or cool off in our unique swimming pool.



★★★ Augrabies Falls National Park 105 Minutes from Upington - 56 Chalets

Few sights are as awesome or a sound as deafening as water thundering down the 56-m Augrabies Waterfall when the Orange River is in full flood. The Khoi people called it 'Aukoerebis', or place of Great Noise, as this powerful flow of water is unleashed from rocky surroundings characterised by the 18-km abyss of the Orange River Gorge. With accommodation options from chalets to a campsite, facilities are tailored to meet all needs. The park has a shop, the Shibula Restaurant and Gariep Ladies' Bar.



★★★★ Le Must River Residence - Upington 20 Minutes from Upington - 10 Bedrooms

The exquisite guesthouse of regal grandeur is situated in large treed gardens filled with exotic plants and the chatter of local bird species. The bedrooms of the guesthouse vary in size and are individually decorated with comfort being top of mind. It has been voted a semi-finalist and finalist in the AA Travel Guides Accommodation travel awards for three years running 2002/2003/2004 and has received critical acclaim for accommodation standards in national and international press.



★★★★ Witsand Game Reserve - near Olifantshoek 140 Minutes from George - 13 Chalets

Flowing white dunes surrounded by copper-red Kalahari sand, Acacia woodland and the Langberg Mountain range make up the beautiful setting for the lodge. Accommodation is offered in self catering lodges and bungalows, however guests may treat themselves to booking the Kalahari experience package, offering dinner, bed and breakfast and a guided tour through the reserve for the ultimate experience. The area is host to many fun activities such as 4x4 trails, lovely photographic opportunities, biking, and a swimming pool, superb star gazing, dune boarding, hikes including a beautiful botanical meander.