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JEWEL OF THE NORTH WEST

Magnificent Magalies

The Magaliesberg mountain range stretches across two of South Africa's provinces – Gauteng and North West. Formed more than two-billion years ago (about 2 300 million years ago) during a period of geological upheaval, the Magaliesberg mountains are nearly 100 times older than Mount Everest and have a unique geology, topography and history. Famous for their dramatic quartzite cliffs, the Magaliesberg Mountains offer an abundance of valleys, ravines, cliffs and waterfalls for the pleasure and indulgence of nature lovers. The Magaliesberg range begins near the Bronkhorstspuit Dam in the east, and extends 120 km to Rustenburg in the west. Proclaimed a protected natural environment in 1977, the 2 300-million-year-old mountains support a variety of different habitats, from grasslands and bushveld savannah to inaccessible forested kloofs, where 130 tree species and a variety of flowers, ferns, grasses and fungi proliferate. These mountains were once home to roaming elephant herds, rhino, buffalo, giraffe, large felines and a variety of antelope, but today it's the smaller species that are likely to be seen. Porcupine, polecat, bushbaby and mongoose roam the forest, along with vervet monkey, duiker, genet, baboon and klipspringer. Elusive leopard also live here, but their reclusive nature and wonderful camouflage means they're seldom seen during the day.



The mountains are also a birder's delight, with over 300 bird species recorded. Cape vulture and Verreaux (black) eagle nest in cliffside colonies with jackal buzzard, falcon and swift. During winter flowering red aloes attract iridescent sunbirds, while summer warmth lures migrating storks. You'll be able to tick off starling, robin, cuckoo, barbet, owl and many other bird species. The Magaliesberg is a wonderful retreat for humans too, with deep gullies and clear waterfalls tumbling down to pools below

creating idyllic conditions for climbers and hikers. Many trails, ranging from gentle walks to strenuous hikes, allow for leisurely exploration while mountain biking, horse riding, abseiling and white-water rafting are more recent pursuits. Its richness in geology, biodiversity and human heritage, saw the Magalies mountains being recognised as an UNESCO world biosphere reserve in June 2015, one of 631 biosphere reserves in 119 countries. (Adapted from www.southafrica.net)



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FOOD AND FILM

A delicious hot spot for cool people



Diarise Sunday 18 September, because it's Hartiwood Food and Film Show time again! This annual fine food market, held at French Toast Coffee Café in Hartbeespoort, serves up the very best of local, national and international delicious treats and treasures. Hartbeespoort gourmet gems are well represented at the market. Local is definitely lekker when you taste Nandine Hartig's Jakhalshond organic nougat! Our area's aromatic essence is exquisitely showcased at the Sittig's fresh herb and vegetable stall. Home ground is gorgeous when the coffee is roasted in our own delicious dorps by the Bisibean Coffee Company. Once you have sipped a local cup of coffee why not compare it with an Eritrean offering - Chef Felix Okua and his African epicurean team are serving East African style traditional coffee ceremonies. Want a spicy start to the day? Savour Brits Chef Hoosein Vally's superb samosas. Or tuck into the quackingly good culinary combination of Magalies made Breyer's duck pate and Black Horse brewery beer. Cautious consumers can stick to cinnamon sugar sprinkled pancakes and our fabulous vetkoek! Market stalls from further afield include the finest of Cape wines and artisan ales. Why not celebrate the first blush of a spring market day with stylish sips of Steenberg Rosé? The mid-afternoon heat calls for chilled Loxton craft beer.

Adventurous drinkers will be intrigued by Pierre Jourdan Wine Popsicles, (otherwise known as 'PJ Pops'). Those wishing to avoid alcohol will adore the homemade ginger beer, selection of juices and sweet fragrant hibiscus tea stand. Ultimately a great food market must have something to suit every palate and wallet and so it is at HF&F. Little children with only a few cents to spare can buy penny chews from the kids' sweetie kiosk. It takes a child to know exactly what a child wants so it is fitting that this stall is run by Schoemansville schoolboy 8 year old Josiah Goode. Grownup gadget fans with money to burn can buy a Thermomix supersonic food processor. Why stop there? Big Green Egg are selling their international, über-prestigious, supremely versatile braai, pizza oven, smoker braais which will set you back upwards of R23, 000! Everyone will want to explore. Curious kids will love the magnificent mime artistes and brilliant busking musicians. Yummy mummies can sample everything from homemade pork pies and plum preserve to artisan gin and organic indigenous African ingredients. Fortunately for all concerned, henpecked husbands can settle in with a big bag of biltong and a buddy at the shaded beer garden! Tickets are R60 for adults and R30 for children and are available at the gate. Visit www.hartiwoodfoodandfilmshow.co.za for more information or call 078 592 6953.

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UP, UP AND AWAY!

Cableway deck reopens

After four months of continuous work, the deck and Lookout Bar at the top of the mountain at the Harties Aerial Cableway is expected to reopen on 20 September. The deck burnt down after a lightning strike in summer. According to manager Iain Gunn, more than 19 tons of building material had to be transported up the mountain via the cableway. Patrons will soon be able to enjoy draft beer, wines and delicious signature cocktails, but remember that a temporary bar is currently available at the 360-degree restaurant and the top deck is open. Watch the press for details and special opening offers at the new Lookout Bar.



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TAKE A HIKE IN HARTBEESPOORT

The glorious weather of the past few weeks beckons for an outdoorsy adventure, and Hartbeespoort and surrounds boast the perfect hiking spots. We've picked the cream of the crop for you, so get those hiking boots on and get walking.



Hennops Hiking Trail

There are two day-hikes with an option of three routes, depending on your fitness level, in the heart of the Magaliesberg. Enjoy the impressive scenery, the presence of game and a suspension bridge and cable river crossing. The Krokodilberg route is 11.3 km and passes dolomite formations, what is left of an Anglo-Boer War hospital, over the river via a suspension bridge and up to the ridges of the Magaliesberg with views over the valley, ending with a river recrossing by means of a cable car. The 6 km Zebra route is a lot shorter, but takes hikers into a fenced game area with the chances of spotting zebra among other wildlife. The Dassie route is 2.5 km long and takes about one to two hours. It follows the same route as Krokodilberg to start but returns at no. 6 to the cable car on the escape route. Both the Loerie and Hadeda camps have good facilities, including communal kitchen, electricity, kitchen amenities and an ablution block with showers and toilets. Contact 082 825 9205 or hubert@hennops.co.za GPS COORDINATES: S 25°47'28.918" E 27°58'48.464"

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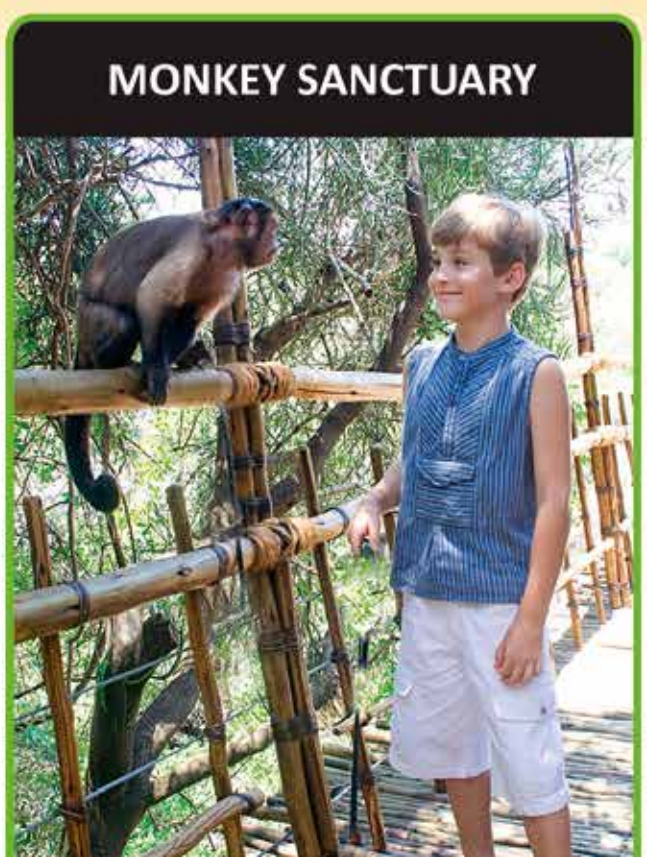
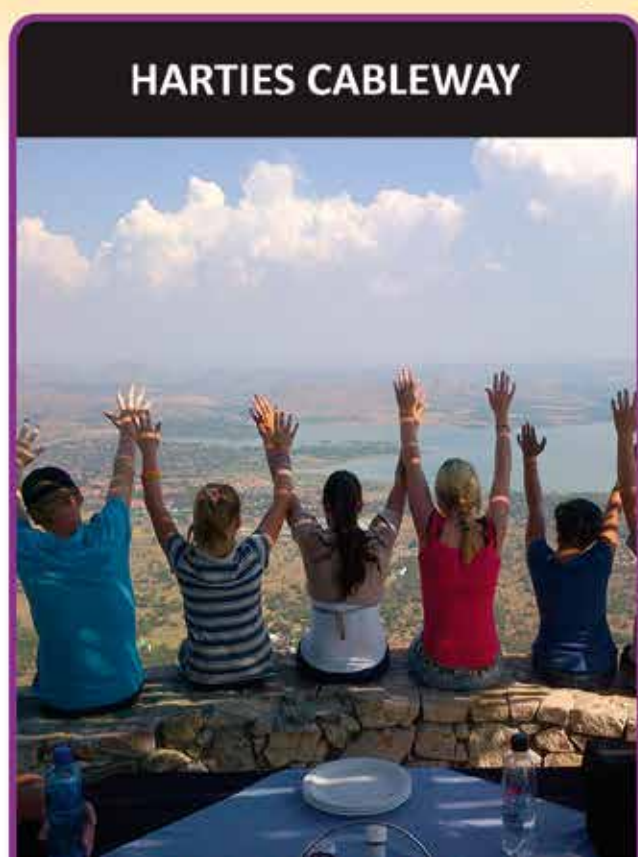
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Eagle Cove Hiking Trail

This trail in the Magaliesberg caters for day visitors as well as those wishing to spend the night and walk the full trail. The trail offers a surprisingly large variety of terrain to walk through and the flora is also exceptional. The overnight facilities are excellent and include showers, flush toilets, a covered braai area, boma and bunk beds and mattresses for 20 people. There is a 2 km walk from the parking area to Eagle Cove hut and hikers must allow sufficient time to reach the hut by 18:00. The hiking trails cover the rugged area of Rotsboom and Hamerkop kloofs. The combined route of 1 and 3 is 12 km long, while route 2 is 6 km long. The steep descent into Hamerkop kloof is by way of ladders and the views from the kloof edge are quite stunning. Booking contacts 012 662 0586/1140 or anvie@xsinet.co.za.

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WINE AND DINE

Wine accolades for Restaurant Mosaic

Boasting the most comprehensive private cellar in Africa, with some 55 000 bottles under different labels from South Africa and around the globe in its impressive collection, The Restaurant Mosaic at the Orient Boutique Hotel in the Francolin Reserve just west of Pretoria and Hartbeespoort has just had more feathers added to its cap.

It has been named a Diners Club 2016 Winelist Award winner. Not only did the cellar team walk away with a prestigious Diamond Wine List Award, but Mosaic’s winelist was also voted South Africa’s Best Diamond List overall.

It also received the World’s Best Wine Lists Award from The World of Fine Wine, an award-winning magazine, website and app speaking to an international readership of discerning individuals who each share a passion for wine. For their awards thousands of entries from around the world are assessed, giving the very best wine lists one-star, two-star and three-star awards.

A one-star rating is given to a “good wine list”, a two-star rating to a “very good wine list” and a three-star rating to a “great wine list” based on the breadth, depth, interest, quality, value, organisation and accuracy of the list. The awards also recognise the world’s best wine list and the best wine list by region and by class.

Mosaic’s accolades for 2016 now include Best Overall in Region, Best Champagne and Sparkling Wine List, Best Dessert and Fortified Wine List, Best By-the-Glass Wine List, Best Hotel Wine List, and the Jury Prize.

Cellar master Germain Lehodey

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HARTBEESPOORT HISTORY

Steeped deep in history, the bridges of Hartbeespoort each has its own unique story to tell.

In Skeerpoort an iron bridge was abandoned when it was replaced by a concrete bridge in 1981 and left as a monument of yesteryear engineering. This was one of three bridges that were built after the Hartbeespoort Dam was completed. This bridge over the Magalies River was built around 1927 and was originally painted blue, which is where its name, the Blue Bridge, originated.

Only one vehicle could cross at a time, and motorised traffic had to wait until the coast was clear to cross the bridge. Testimony to the fact that not everyone waited patiently is evident in the bent railings

still visible on the sides! The bridge had to be repaired time and again until it was replaced by a concrete bridge, wide enough for two lanes of traffic in 1981.

The first bridge over the Crocodile River in Hartbeespoort was built in 1891 by the chief engineer and architect of the Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek (ZAR), Sytse Wierda. This was on the site of Genl Hendrik Schoeman's farm, Schoemansrus, just south of the present Schoemansville on the old wagon road. The bridge, named the "Schoeman Bridge" according to the government gazette of the day. It was constructed of three spans of 40 feet (13 m) each. The bridge was opened on 8 September 1891. However, a massive flood swept this bridge away in April 1893.





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Sun City’s accommodation choices have now been expanded to include the rustic Cabanas Chalets. Cabanas Chalets harnesses the African spirit of its surroundings with each room offering an immersion in nature yet at one with the Sun International experience.

Located 750 m from the Cabanas hotel, the lodge is nestled beside the Letsatsi bush, close to the resort’s popular Shebeen and Cultural Village. Owned and operated since 1999 by Kwena Gardens, which included Kwena Chalets and Crocodile Sanctuary, the chalets have now been incorporated into the Sun City fold under the management of Sun International.

There are 14 chalets, each accommodating between one and four people, including a luxury chalet, offering a king-sized bed, separate living area and an en-suite bathroom. Although they offer an authentically rustic experience, they are fully equipped with mini bars, a coffee machine and WiFi. Sun City accommodation options now include the three-star Cabanas hotel and Cabanas Chalets, four-star Sun City Hotel, the five-star Cascades hotel as well as super-luxury hotel The Palace. Families can enjoy superb self-catering accommodation at the newly upgraded timeshare option, Sun Vacation Club.

The resort offers a wide-ranging selection of over 26 restaurants, family and adrenalin activities and two world class golf courses all conveniently situated within one secure and beautiful location. The Valley of Waves is great for sunbathing and is best known for its wave pool and thrilling water slides. There is also a variety of water sports including jet skiing, parasailing, boat cruises and the jetovator, available at Waterworld at the Cabanas hotel. In addition, the resort offers a choice of pools, two aviaries, jogging trails; quad biking; floodlit tennis courts, guided tours of the resort on zippy Segways, and one of the world’s longest zip slide, the Zip 2000 – to mention just a few of the fun things to do at Sun City.




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Festivities kick off at 12:00 and should continue until about 22:00.

There will be food stalls selling traditional pub grub that goes down well with beer, such as eisbeins and the like, and at least six beer stalls, where SAB beers, as well as the NO 3 Fransen Street, Heineken, Redrock craft beer and Ale house will be available. If beer is not your thing, there will also be a mojo stall and a couple of shooter promos during the day.

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LOCAL ART

MEET ARTIST KOBUS MÖLLER

Local artist Kobus Möller, born in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) in 1949 into an artistic family, has achieved international fame and recognition, with many of his works in private and public galleries and collections all over the globe. He started painting in earnest in 1990 and uses his raw talent to express his love for nature and God through art. “My father was an artist, and my oldest brother, Charl, is also a professional wildlife artist. I began painting and drawing as far back as my memory allows me to go. Although I did have art as a subject in school, I learned very little from my teachers. I learned more from my father, mostly from sitting behind him, watching him paint. I am also very thankful to my brother, Charl, who taught me specific little details that I still use in my work.” When Kobus begins a new series of paintings, he starts off by creating an integration of textures. Thick paint is applied almost haphazardly without, at this stage, any inclination of where this painting is heading. The final artwork reveals this build-up of paint, which serves to enhance the maturity and richness of the painting.

Most known for his wildlife paintings, he started experimenting with a variety of genres and enjoyed it so much that an explosion of creativity ensued. He now paints cars, people and virtually anything that attracts him artistically. Kobus has been published in Swedish, American and South African publications. His technique combines light, line, texture and form on canvas. Every painting uncompromisingly expresses his honest emotion and inherent love for nature. Kobus entices the viewer’s imagination to discover nature as it is. “The object of my art is to point the viewer towards art objects of infinite beauty and complexity that surround us on all levels of perception and experience. Creation around us, and in us, is so complex, that the corporate intelligence of all humankind cannot ever fathom the depths and beauty of the simplest of God’s creations. My objective is to open the viewer’s eyes to the art in which we live, and of which we are a part.”



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