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RETURNAfrica offers a collection of unique experiences in South Africa's two most iconic destinations.

Our origins lie in the wild and spectacular north of the Kruger National Park where our portfolio includes Pafuri Luxury Tented Camp, Pafuri Walking Trails and Baobab Hill Bush House. We recently also extended to Cape Town, where we are proud to bring you Welgelegen Boutique Hotel, an urban sanctuary in the heart of city.

Whether you are an African, an old hand or a first-time visitor, our focus is to welcome you into the RETURNAfrica family. We hope every new visit will be the first of many happy returns!















EXPERIENCE

Return to Africa where it all began to renew your mind, body and soul. Return, and we will introduce you to the places we call home and the people who make up our family. Return, and together we shall ensure that the benefits of your travel flow to the communities who are our hosts and partners.

Visit us and we will show the intricacies of South Africa's lifestyles and cultures, the grandeur of its landscapes and the magnificence of its wildlife. As our logo illustrates, it is in the embrace of the people, the places and RETURNAfrica that the magic lies.











COMMUNITY

RETURNAfrica works with the African Safari Foundation to create benefits beyond boundaries. Through the ASF we link rural development to conservation and eco-tourism. In Cape Town, we work with local organisation to support the city's most vulnerable communities.

Our mission is to facilitate economic growth, community ownership, skills development and job creation through responsible and proactive forms of tourism and conservation. We follow a rights-based approach that facilitates the pro-poor impacts of tourism. We emphasise the role of women as positive agents for long-term change in rural communities. We increase the flow of tangible benefits into the households of local residents via ownership, skills development, fair wages and supply contracts.

Please contact us should you wish to make a donation to the Makuleke community or to one of our projects in the western Cape.





















Stretching along the north bank of the Luvuvhu river, near its confluence with the Limpopo in the far north of the Kruger National Park, you will find Pafuri Camp. Sheltered under thatch, the en-suite luxury tents all have sweeping views over the Luvuvhu. The communal area offers al-fresco dining, a bush bar, a swimming pool and plenty of space to laze about in the shade of the giant trees that overhang the camp. Breakfast, high tea and dinner are served on decks above the river.













At Pafuri, we invite you to return to yourself and set your own pace. Lounge on your private deck and watch the ever-varying spectacle of life drawn to the riverbank. Lie in bed and listen to the symphony of the bush. Chat to our staff, who will tell you stories about the ancestors – some claim you can still hear them playing their ghostly drums on moonlit nights. Visit the Makuleke villages and let the community entertain you with food, dance and song. And, of course, join our master guides in open vehicles, on foot or on bicycles to explore the wilderness.

















Pafuri is superb walking country. Our trails, open from April to October every year, are renowned for offering true bush lovers an opportunity to experience one of Kruger's remotest corners on foot. Led by experienced field guides, you will explore a place that is as vast as it is varied and wild. The trail offers you a chance to focus on the tiniest Matabele hissing ant but you will also experience the rush of adrenaline when you happen upon one of the Big Five. Home base is a simple bush camp near the banks of the Luvuvhu where we serve hearty food and drink in a setting that allows you a close-up experience of untamed Africa. And, for the truly adventurous, we occasionally offer minimalist trails when we camp under the stars, adventurous cycling tours or foray across the border into the transfrontier park.

















Perched on a secluded, baobab-studded ridge just north of the Luvuvhu, Baobab Hill House was once the Pafuri ranger's station. This rustic homestead offers ideal accommodation for families or friends seeking privacy and comfort in the bush. It consists of four bedrooms and sleeps up to eight people, with a home kitchen, open plan dining room and lounge, a swimming pool, and an Out of Africa veranda, perfect for sundowners or dinners in the early evenings. The property is fenced, offering a child-friendly environment. To help you explore the rich diversity of our concession, a professional guide and an open safari vehicle are on hand.











Welgelegen is a boutique hotel at the end of a cul-de-sac at the foot of Table Mountain. This hidden oasis, housed in two Victorian-built homes linked by a central courtyard and swimming pool, has 13 en-suite rooms. It is a sanctuary in the city, nestled in a tranquil street yet a stone's throw away from the hustle and bustle of the city. A short walk takes you to Kloof Street and some of Cape Town's best local restaurants, bars and artisanal stores.

















The Cableway, Camps Bay and the Waterfront are no more than a 10-minute drive and, for those with more time to spare the myriad options include lazing along the Atlantic Seaboard, fish and chips on the beach at Hout Bay, visiting Nelson Mandela's cell on Robben Island or venturing further afield to places such as Cape Point or the Winelands.

Welgelegen, with views of both Table Mountain and Lion's Head, truly lives up to its name that, in translation, means well-situated.











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