

Add these 5 quirky overnight stops to your December SA road-trip

Planning on going on the road again, this holiday season? Gumtree has compiled a list of quirky, fun stays to make your December road-trip that much more enjoyable.

Whether you're hitting the long road to travel cross-country from Gauteng to the Western Cape, or looking for a quick staycation closer to home, there's a spot for you to stay that's sure to tick all the boxes of supreme comfort, convenience, and most importantly, looking good on the 'gram.



3 unique accommodation options in the Western Cape

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"Many of the cutest, quirkiest destinations our country has to offer don't list on the big accommodation platforms, and they're often best-kept secrets that are shared by word of mouth between friends who travel the country's most interesting nooks and crannies," says Estelle Nagel, brand marketing manager at Gumtree South Africa.

While planning the journey is often a huge part of the fun of the trip itself, here's a great list of ideas to get your creative holiday planning ideas going!

The Water Tower, Nieu Bethesda

On your way to the Western Cape? [The Water Tower](#) is a wonderfully unconventional stayover along your road trip. Sitting in the heart of a quirky marvel itself (Nieu Bethesda), the building was first a water tower and then a Buddhist meditation room.

"The Water Tower sleeps two guests on a queen-size bed in the room upstairs adjoining the sun and star deck," reads the owners' description. "Do some stargazing before creeping under your crisp cotton sheets, lamb's wool duvets and mohair blanket. Pets are welcome by arrangement."

At R580 per night, this is a must book.



The Santos Express, Mosselbaai

Fancy living in an actual train carriage facing the sea? [The Santos Express](#) offers double compartments and single coupés, similar to the Trans Karoo Express.

The Santos Express is a five- to 10-minute walk from the Dias Museum, the harbour and the town. Simply known as ‘The Train’ by locals and situated in the heart of the famous Garden Route of South Africa, guests can enjoy the unique and romantic experience of staying on a real train only 30 metres from the sea.

Carriages go-between R210 to R599 per night, with a ‘royal suite’ at R1,300 per night.



Tussen-I-Bome Oxwagon Resort, Mamelodi

Situated close to the treasure of a town Cullinan, [Tussen-I-bome](#) (between the trees) offers beautiful scenery, a stunning lookout spot for sundowners, and the option of sleeping in authentic Voortrekker era ox wagons.

Every ox wagon is set up in a camp with an open fire and all the amenities.

Warming your bathwater in a 'donkey kettle', relaxing around the fire and listening to a jackal howling, or a nightjar calling is priceless are just some of the things to look forward to at a stay here. From R1000 per night.



Old Mac Daddy, Elgin

A 40-minute drive from the Cape Town CBD, [The Old Mac Daddy Park](#) is a coveted breakaway for couples, singles and families alike. Situated on a beautiful private farm in the apple-growing Elgin Valley, you can book yourself into one of their 10 wonderfully decorated trailers, each with a separate lounge, viewing deck and en suite bathroom.

The venue also offers healthy, wholesome meals, "locally sourced, organic and free-range", and trailers can be rented from R1,895 a night.



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Pablo House, Johannesburg

For those living or visiting family in Johannesburg, [Pablo House](#) in Melville makes a hip, architecturally beautiful stayover. Why not style your staycation?

The vibe is relaxed and casual with a touch of luxury. Guests love it because you feel like you are out of the city, yet you are right in the middle of things.

Situated in the suburb of Melville with its many restaurants and oddball shops, Pablo House offers 360° views of Johannesburg and cocktails to sip on late into the evening. From R1,550 a night.

Remember that while you're on holiday, Covid-19 isn't! Make sure to socially distance, avoid crowds, wear a mask, and sanitise as much as possible.

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