

5 Instagram-inspired South African staycation spots

As South Africans adapt to the 'new normal', more and more people are opting to have 'staycations' as options to travel are limited.

What is a staycation? It is travelling to nearby or local tourism attractions without any overnight stay. Or travelling to tourist destinations that are close to home. Road travel is often the preferred mode of travel for 'staycationers'.



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"A post-lockdown yearning for open spaces along with the desire to avoid crowded spaces has shifted remote, empty destinations to the top of many travellers' wish lists," SA Tourism says, adding that travellers prefer staycations.

One of the largest and most developed tourism markets in Africa, South Africa is currently in the midst of its third wave, and the adoption of a lockdown has witnessed a slowdown in visitors to this country. This means that staycations are here to stay, and will fuel demand for domestic leisure tourism. South Africans will benefit from the increased demand for staycations in 2021, and let's face it, this country offers diverse beauty, so people seeking an escape from the boredom of lockdown are spoiled for choice.



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The staycation boom is set to deepen as locals look for safe, relaxing venues that are set in the wide-open spaces, and because South Africans are capturing feel-good memories with their smartphones, and sharing these via social media.

Here are five Instagram-inspired staycation ideas:

To inspire your next Staycation photoshoot for your favourite social media, here is a carefully curated list of top staycation recommendations using local Instagram travel influencers for inspiration.

The Werf Picnics at Boschendal

Where: [Boschendal](#), one of SA's oldest wine estates, is situated between Franschhoek and Stellenbosch in the Western Cape.

What [@LaurasWorldZA](#) has to say about Boschendal:

"Boschendal's Werf Winter Picnic, in what has to be one of the most picturesque settings I've experienced to date. The combination of winter sunshine; lush, green Werf lawns, breathtaking panoramic mountain views and getting to take it all in with a glass of wine in hand, has to be my favourite way to beat the winter blues and still be Covid-safe this year. Isn't it just the most gorgeous way to spend the day?"



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De Zeekoe Guest House Farm

Where: [De Zeekoe Guest House Farm](#) is situated in Oudtshoorn in the Garden Route's Klein Karoo.

What [@daniella_oursoulfultravels](#) has to say about De Zeekoe: “I choose a life of freedom... A life that allows me to follow special, wild and magical places... De Zeekoe is one of those places I was privileged enough to visit last year and their secluded stone cottages are the perfect spot to stay in 'social distancing approved' luxury!”



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The Pilanesberg National Park

Where: Located north of Rustenburg in SA's North West Province, [The Pilanesberg Game Reserve](#) borders Sun City,

about three hours drive from Johannesburg or Pretoria.

What @mdukhambule has to say about The Pilanesberg National Park: "It took about two hours from Mountain Sanctuary to get to the land of Kgosi Pilane of the Batswana people, the national park is my home for a few days and I must say this camping spot appeals to me proper👍👍 — Oh, and I got to set up the canopy all on my own"



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Kings Kloof Farm in Muldersdrift

Where: [Kings Kloof](#) is situated on a farm in the Muldersdrift area.

What @inafricaandbeyond has to say about Kings Kloof: "The mountains whisper for me to wander; my soul hikes to the call. I escape into the great outdoors; where freedom's soul forever roars. It's a scenic area with hiking, mountain biking and trail running routes. The trails range from 6km to 27km, and from very easy to very technical. You will walk through pretty wooded valleys and forests, across rivers and waterfalls and past a dam. We did the 12km Blue Route. I've updated my post on best hiking trails in the Johannesburg area with more information on [Kings Kloof](#)."

Monate Game Lodge



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Where: Located in Modimolle, [Monate Game Lodge](#) is at the southern edge of the Waterberg Massif in Limpopo province.

What @letshego.zulu has to say about @monategamelodge: "The one thing that brings great joy to my heart is being outdoors. I am at my happiest when I am bonding with nature. This time last week I had the pleasure of enjoying a two nights' stay at @monategamelodge with an intimate group of beautiful women. @_nicolecapper and @thekcda I'm eternally grateful for that wonderful experience. "

With the vaccine rollouts in South Africa taking more time than expected, the trend to staycations will continue to be a strong feature of local travel. Locals will continue to delight in snapping mobile photos and sharing these images on social media, which will only deepen this trend going forward. So go on, grab your cell phone and take to the open road – it's a surefire way to beat the pandemic blues.

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