



# UNFORGETTABLE *Summer* EXPERIENCES

This summer, let the Northern Cape redefine your holiday experience. Pack your sense of adventure and create lasting memories with friends and family. Hit pause on the ordinary, and dive into the extraordinary.

## HERE ARE OUR TOP FIVE REASONS WHY THE NORTHERN CAPE SHOULD BE YOUR TOP PICK FOR A SUMMER GETAWAY!

### 1 Experience off the beaten track

Explore countless family adventures in Northern Cape: 4x4 exploration in Richtersveld, Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, Augrabies Falls National Park. Night hike with wind spiders, sand-board down ochre dunes, white-water rafting, fossil hunting in Frazerburg, or slack packing along Namakwa Coastline to uncover shipwreck tales.



### 2 Camp or glamp in style

Camp along the Namakwa Coastline, a Karoo farm, or on the banks of the Vaal and Orange rivers. Experience treehouse living in Mokala National Park. Check your favorite online booking platform for more glamping and camping experiences available within the Northern Cape.



### 3 Galactic encounters

Watch as the mesmerizing night skies of the Northern Cape comes alive in a breathtaking galactic display from the Karoo to the Kalahari! Top sights include Sutherland, Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, Tankwa Karoo National Park and Carnarvon.



### 4 Mighty Orange River calling

Rafting along the majestic Orange River is a bucket-list experience. Drift along in the golden African sunshine and watch the scenery unfolds along the banks. Visit [www.experiencenortherncape.com](http://www.experiencenortherncape.com) for operators and book one of the 1/2 day to multi day river experiences.



### 5 Experience our nature reserves and parks

Great adventure experiences await visitors at one of our 6 National Parks, 5 Provincial Reserves or any one of the many game reserves. Activities include hiking, walks, biking, 4x4 trails with incredible Instagram-able points everywhere. Discover the secretive and mystical world of our iconic nocturnal animals, big and small on a night drive.

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# EXPERIENCE NORTHERN CAPE – WHERE ADVENTURE MEETS SERENITY!

Get ready for a fun-filled escape with our 3-4 day micro-trips through the Northern Cape! Perfect for family or friends, this vibrant region is bursting with stunning landscapes and iconic experiences. Whether you're into exploration, nature, or culture, we've got something exciting for everyone. Here are 8 must-do micro trip experiences for an unforgettable spring or summer getaway!

## 1 Nieuwoudtville – Stars, Lifestyle, and Nature

Nieuwoudtville, known as the “Bulb Capital of the World,” is a hidden gem in the Northern Cape, just a four-hour drive from Cape Town. Nieuwoudtville’s tranquil, off-the-beaten-path charm makes it an ideal destination for outdoor and photography enthusiasts. Discover the Hantam National Botanical Garden, hike the rugged trails of Oorlogskloof Nature Reserve, and visit Papkuilfontein Guest Farm for breathtaking floral displays, vibrant birdlife, and ancient San rock art. But perhaps the most unforgettable experience is the quiet Karoo nights, where the sky is studded with a million stars, offering a serene and awe-inspiring view of the universe.

## 2 Richmond – The Artful Stopover

A quaint town at the crossroads of the Northern, Eastern, and Western Cape, Richmond



is the perfect stopover. Discover Victorian architecture, historic cottages, and immerse yourself in contemporary art at the MAPSA Gallery or visit the neighbouring bookbinding project, where local women craft exquisite books using Japanese paper techniques. For authentic local products and gourmet treats do stop at the Vet Muis Plaas Kombuis or Karoo Padstal on the N1. Richmond is the perfect destination for those who appreciate art, literature, and the slower pace of life.

## 3 Kimberley: History, Culture and Modern Adventure

In Kimberley, discover the rich diamond heritage of South Africa. Explore the famous Big Hole, visit the Kimberley Mine Museum. Take a guided cycle tour and discover the rich culture of Galeshewe, South Africa’s oldest township. Once home to heroes of the struggle era, today it thrives as a vibrant, dynamic community full of history and life. Kimberley offers a unique blend of historical exploration and modern attractions, making it a

fascinating mini break. Enjoy local cuisine, browse art galleries, and delve into the stories that shaped this iconic city.

## 4 Hondeklipbaai – The Perfect Mini Break by the Sea

Discover Hondeklipbaai, your ideal mini break destination where coastal tranquility meets stunning scenery. Explore the iconic Hondeklipbaai Lighthouse and delve into its history as a copper export harbour. Enjoy a scenic visit to landmarks like the Dog Stone and the historic Aristeia Shipwreck, and capture unforgettable photos at Spitfire Rock, where crashing waves create a dramatic backdrop. Unwind with sundowners at Dop en Kreef on the beach and indulge in fresh seafood while soaking in breathtaking ocean views. Hondeklipbaai promises a refreshing and picturesque retreat for your next short escape.

## 5 Loxton and Fraserburg: The Tranquil Heart of the Karoo

Uncover the charm of Fraserburg’s Victorian architecture, fossils, and

dinosaur footprints, then explore Loxton’s Riverine Rabbit Thinking Path with its unique statues and ancient petroglyphs. Escape city life in these hidden Karoo gems, where historic streets, quaint churches, and galleries meet the awe-inspiring beauty of vast plains and starry night skies. Perfect for a peaceful micro adventure.

## 6 Keimoes and Kanoneiland: Riverside Relaxation and Adventure

Explore the lush, green landscapes of Keimoes and Kanoneiland, situated along the Orange River. In Keimoes, marvel at the unique waterwheels, originally built by local farmers. Visit local wineries and Padstalle to enjoy award winning wines and pot stillled brandy. For the more active enjoy activities like river rafting, birding, fishing, cycle or a visit the Augrabies Falls, the six largest in the world Or simply head to Kanoneiland for a day of pampering at the African Vineyard Spa, a serene riverside escape, perfect for unwinding amidst the verdant vineyards.

## 7 Askham – Your Gateway to Kalahari Wonders

Just outside the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, Askham is your gateway to the Kalahari Desert. Explore guided hikes, meet meerkats up close, enjoy birding, biking, and dune boarding. Immerse yourself in the Khomani San Cultural Landscape Heritage Site, then stargaze under stunning desert skies. A micro trip to Askham promises unforgettable experiences in the heart of the Kalahari.

## 8 Vioolsdrif – Orange River Kayaking Experience

For the ultimate micro trip, embark on a multi-day rafting adventure in Vioolsdrif. Navigate exhilarating rapids and calm stretches of the Orange River, surrounded by the breathtaking Richtersveld wilderness. It’s the perfect blend of excitement and serenity for adventure seekers.

## Plan Your Micro-Trip Today

The Northern Cape is calling, and it’s closer than you think. Whether you have a weekend or just a few days, there’s always something new to discover. So pack your bags, hit the road, and let the Northern Cape be your ultimate spring and summer travel destination!

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