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Two SA locations named in Time Magazine's '100 Greatest Places'

Yet again. South Africa rises. Time Magazine has picked two beautiful parts of South Africa to feature on its '100 Greatest Places' list

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Was it ever in doubt? When Time Magazine launched their '100 Greatest Places' list for July 2021, the publishing giants weren't shy when it came to including Mzansi. They've picked two locations to feature on this exclusive countdown.

TWO OF THE '100 GREATEST PLACES' ON EARTH ARE IN SOUTH AFRICA... ACCORDING TO TIME MAGAZINE

The Kruger National Park gets itself a nod, thanks predominantly to its outlandish lodges and stunning location. And, in a desperately-needed PR boost, the entire province of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) also makes the grade. After a recent period of looting in the region, calm has been restored – and admirers from overseas didn't even flinch.

The two spots of outstanding beauty rub shoulders with some of the most breathtaking locations on Earth. European party hubs, tranquil Caribbean paradises, and even a few other African jewels populate the '100 Greatest Places' list. What is more, Time Magazine also had some bloody lovely things to say about South Africa's most desirable locations.

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK – AND IT'S 'TRAIN CARRIAGE' LODGES

Kruger Shalati – otherwise known as the 'Train on the Bridge' – boasts 24 luxury rooms carved into a former locomotive, nestled within the Kruger National Park. Sitting on top of the Selati Bridge, visitors are treated to one of the best views in the country, overlooking the park and Sabie River. It certainly captured the imagination of the US institution...

"After the Kruger National Park was established as a conservation area nearly 100 years ago, the local train service was largely discontinued for fear of disturbing the wildlife. By the 1970s, only the 984-ft.-long steel bridge remained."

"But the old carriages have been brought back, reimagined as luxury cabins with floor-to-ceiling windows promising unparalleled views over watering holes teeming with hippos, crocodiles, elephants, antelope, and the leopards and lions that stalk them. Unlike most trains, on this one you get to stick around to see what happens next."

KWAZULU-NATAL – YES, THE WHOLE PROVINCE

We said this a couple of weeks ago, and we'll say it again: Above all else, the beauty and the soul of KwaZulu-Natal will endure any hardships, present or future. The rugged landscape complements the pristine beaches – and how many other countries can boast about having an 'eye-poppingly beautiful' province? Exactly...

"With surfable beaches and world-heritage-class parklands, the province of KwaZulu-Natal is eye-poppingly beautiful. KZN, as it's known, has a warm but mild climate, which is perhaps why Club Med, the popular purveyor of all-inclusive vacations, is planning its first South African resort on the Dolphin Coast, not far outside Durban, KZN's biggest city."

"Other fun new attractions include Durban's +258, a Mozambican restaurant and cultural center, and an hour away, in the KZN midlands, The Old Mushroom Farm – wich hosts workspaces for artisans and self-catering accommodation."

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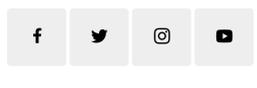
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