

Outdoor adventures and thoughtfully designed stays with AfriCamps will help you discover the thrill of glamping in South Africa

AfriCamps at Oakhurst, Wilderness

Unplug, explore RECONNECT

In a world of screens, schedules and dependence on constant connectivity, unplugged family time has never been more valuable, or more needed. This time of year usually comes with the need to disconnect from the world, take a proper pause, and truly bond with the family. At the same time, the kids may have other plans – so, playgroundskid-friendly activities and open spaces to bike around are always must-haves. Fortunately, there is a travel trend that has taken South Africa by storm in recent years: glamping.

Glamping offers the perfect blend of getting the family outdoors, while still enjoying the cosy luxury of a beautifully crafted self-catering unit. Now, we're not talking about all-inclusive, catered luxury that comes with the luxury price tags. We're talking self-catering, the-kids-braai-marshmallows-while-you-soak-in-a-hot-tub type of luxury. It's the indulgence of time in the outdoors, of preparing a meal together as a family, and of counting shooting stars from the deck before bedtime.

If you're new to glamping, there is only one place to start: AfriCamps Boutique Glamping.

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for their refreshing alternative to the traditional family getaway: a chance to slow down, explore and experience the country's most beautiful landscapes together. With their focus on nature, adventure and education, these farm-style getaways tick all the boxes. With 19 locations to choose from across the country, there's something for every South African family.



AfriCamps at Doolhof, Wellington

NATURE IS THE BEST CLASSROOM

One of the most enriching aspects of an AfriCamps stay is how effortlessly it turns travel into a learning experience for children. Set on working farms, private estates and nature reserves, each camp invites kids to step into a world far removed from urban life.

Here, learning happens organically. For example, at AfriCamps at Oakhurst, Wilderness, children can collect eggs, meet farm animals, watch calves being fed, and begin to understand where their food comes from. At AfriCamps Waterberg, kids can join tracking adventures in the bush, identifying the signs that

buffalo or rhino walked the same trail mere hours earlier. They'll discover the rhythms of farm life and wildlife, develop a deeper appreciation for nature, and gain hands-on experiences that no textbook can replicate. The magic is also in the small things, such as birdwatching, insect spotting, stargazing and discovering indigenous flora. It's education sticks: immersive, exciting, and rooted in real-world experiences.

Beyond the farms, the surrounding environments offer endless opportunities for exploration and getting to know their own backyard; think Cango Caves, the Drakensberg mountains or the magic of the Panorama Route – attractions every child needs to experience.

A FRONT-ROW SEAT TO CONSERVATION

For families seeking something even more meaningful, select AfriCamps locations offer proximity to South Africa's most important conservation areas, including private game reserves and regions near the iconic Kruger National Park.

These stays open the door to first-hand encounters with conservation in action. Guided game drives, bush walks and interactions with knowledgeable rangers allow children (and adults) to learn about wildlife protection, ecosystem balance, and the importance of preserving South Africa's natural heritage.

Seeing elephants roam, embarking on river cruises to spot hippos or crocs, and ticking the Big Five off their list transforms conservation from an abstract concept into a powerful, personal experience that can inspire a lifelong respect for the environment.

COMFORT MEETS ADVENTURE

Of course, part of what makes AfriCamps so appealing is that it blends the thrill of the outdoors with boutique comfort. Expect spacious canvas tents, fully equipped kitchens, cosy living areas and private outdoor spaces where families can enjoy nature without



AfriCamps Klein Karoo, Oudtshoorn

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sacrificing convenience. Our personal highlight? The late-night soaks in the outdoor wood-fired hot tub, telling stories and chatting about the day's adventures. And then, of course, the mornings that begin with birdsong rather than alarm clocks.

FROM WEEKEND BREAKS TO MULTI-STOP ROUTES

While AfriCamps is perfect for a quick weekend escape, its true magic lies in the opportunity to turn a short break into a fully fledged travel adventure.

With 19 unique locations spread across South Africa, families can design their own glamping route, moving from one destination to the next. Imagine starting in the Winelands, winding your way through the Karoo, exploring lush forests along the Garden Route and ending with a safari-style stay near Big Five territory, hopping from one camp to the next. Each stop becomes a new chapter in your family's story – different scenery, new activities and fresh opportunities for discovery.

Whether it's a quick countryside escape or a multi-stop glamping journey across the country, one thing is certain: these are holidays your family will remember for years to come.

TOP 10 EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS AT AFRICAMPS

Across all 19 locations, there's no shortage of memorable activities for young explorers. Here are just a few highlights:

- ❖ Feeding and interacting with farm animals in Wilderness
- ❖ Horse riding through scenic landscapes in Stanford
- ❖ Adventurous game drives around Kruger, Addo or Hluhluwe
- ❖ Chasing waterfalls and swimming in streams in the Cederberg or the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands
- ❖ Fishing in farm dams and rivers in Swellendam, Hoedspruit, Pongola or Hazyview
- ❖ Stargazing under clear night skies in the Waterberg or Hex Valley
- ❖ Meeting ostriches and spotting meerkats in Oudtshoorn
- ❖ Exploring indigenous plants and birdlife on mountain strolls in Robertson, Magaliesberg, or the Drakensberg
- ❖ Cycling on open trails in Wellington and Magoebaskloof
- ❖ Endless beach adventures in Plettenberg Bay