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Synopsis

Active travelers trust National Geographic to deliver what they want in a guidebook: expert advice, insider tips, and the cultural feel of each destination not easily found online. These guides are pitch-perfect for today's experiential travel enthusiasts who want an authentic, enriching immersion. From vibrant, beautiful Cape Town to the flower-bedecked Namaqualand plains, from history-filled Johannesburg to the wildlife-dotted lands of Kruger National Park, this guide covers all the best-known sights, and lesser-known ones as well. South Africa's rich cultural, historical, and contemporary highlights are featured prominently, such as treasure wrecks off its wave-thrashed shores, glorious seafood, and the "big five" animals that every safari-goer hopes to see. Experiential sidebars abound, such as how to consult a Sangoma or help build houses in Namaqualand. The book guides visitors on interesting excursions including a drive through winelands, a "history walk to freedom" in Cape Town, and a walk in the Bush.

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the dust roads that feed her soul.

We just returned from 3.5 weeks in South Africa, traveling by rental car while there. Bought this in addition to the Rough Guide and used the Rough Guide way more. This book only provided skim views over each region, and since we mostly stuck to a particular region in the country, it was limited for us. I was surprised and disappointed that as a Nat Geo publication, there was no animal section to consult throughout the trip. I suppose the book would be fine as an initial planning tool to give you an overview of what the country has to offer, but as an on-the-ground travel book, it isn't as specific as others, making it less useful for the day-to-day experience of travel. Go for the Rough Guide if you want a book you can use while there.

Excellent, lots of photos and useful tips.

We visited S. Africa and this book was a wonderful guide. The descriptions and maps were very helpful. It gave us lots of information about the country. The pictures were great also.

Nat Geo Traveler books are great for people who want to know more about a country, not reviews of hotels and restaurants.

This book is ok. Its a nice addition to something more thorough like Lonely Planet South Africa or South Africa On A Shoe String

Really a beautifully-shot book, as of course it should be from National Geographic. I got a pile of books from the library to plan our vacation, but this one was so good that I decided to buy it and take it with us as a guide.

Not very useful - didn't cover many specific places, hotels, etc and didn't really provide enough information to get around. Ended up throwing it away on trip.

Product as promised. Excellent price and service.

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