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EKHAYA Hospitality Centre

Sanibonani! Welcome to the Ekhaya Hospitality Centre, every South African's home away from home during the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The world's top sports men and women have arrived in London to compete for the coveted gold medal. The Olympic flame has traversed continents and oceans and will burn throughout the games, a symbol of the passion and commitment of our brave athletes.

"Team South Africa is made up of 125 athletes from 17 sporting codes that will fly our flag high at the 2012 London Olympic Games. There are 62 athletes taking part in 7 sporting codes for the Paralympic Games".

We are particularly proud to welcome Banyana Banyana to their first Olympic games along with veteran Athens Olympic gold medalist swimmer Roland Schoeman as well as the sole medal winner for the South African Team at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, Khotso Mokoena.

Our hearts and spirits are behind Caster Semenya, the 2009 world 800-meter champion and 2011's silver medal winner, along with world 400m hurdles bronze medalist, LJ van Zyl and Commonwealth Games champion javelin thrower, Sunette Viljoen as well as the rest of our spectacular and talented team.

In the history of the modern Olympics, South Africa has won seventy Olympic medals, twenty of those gold, twenty four silver and twenty six bronze. This year we aim to inspire Team South Africa to bring home even more! The Olympic and Paralympic-

Games are more than sporting events to South Africans. They are a representation of our spirit. They are symbolic to our country's dedication to moving beyond our past, embracing our diversity and overcoming any challenge.

Ekhaya, the Nguni word for home is associated with the spirit of Ubuntu and welcoming that is so much part of our culture. Come and experience a taste of home with us and catch up with the latest developments, news, sports results and more.

The Ekhaya Hospitality Centre has been created as a base for Team South Africa, its sportsmen and women, their friends and families and of course, their supporters to gather.

It is also more than that...

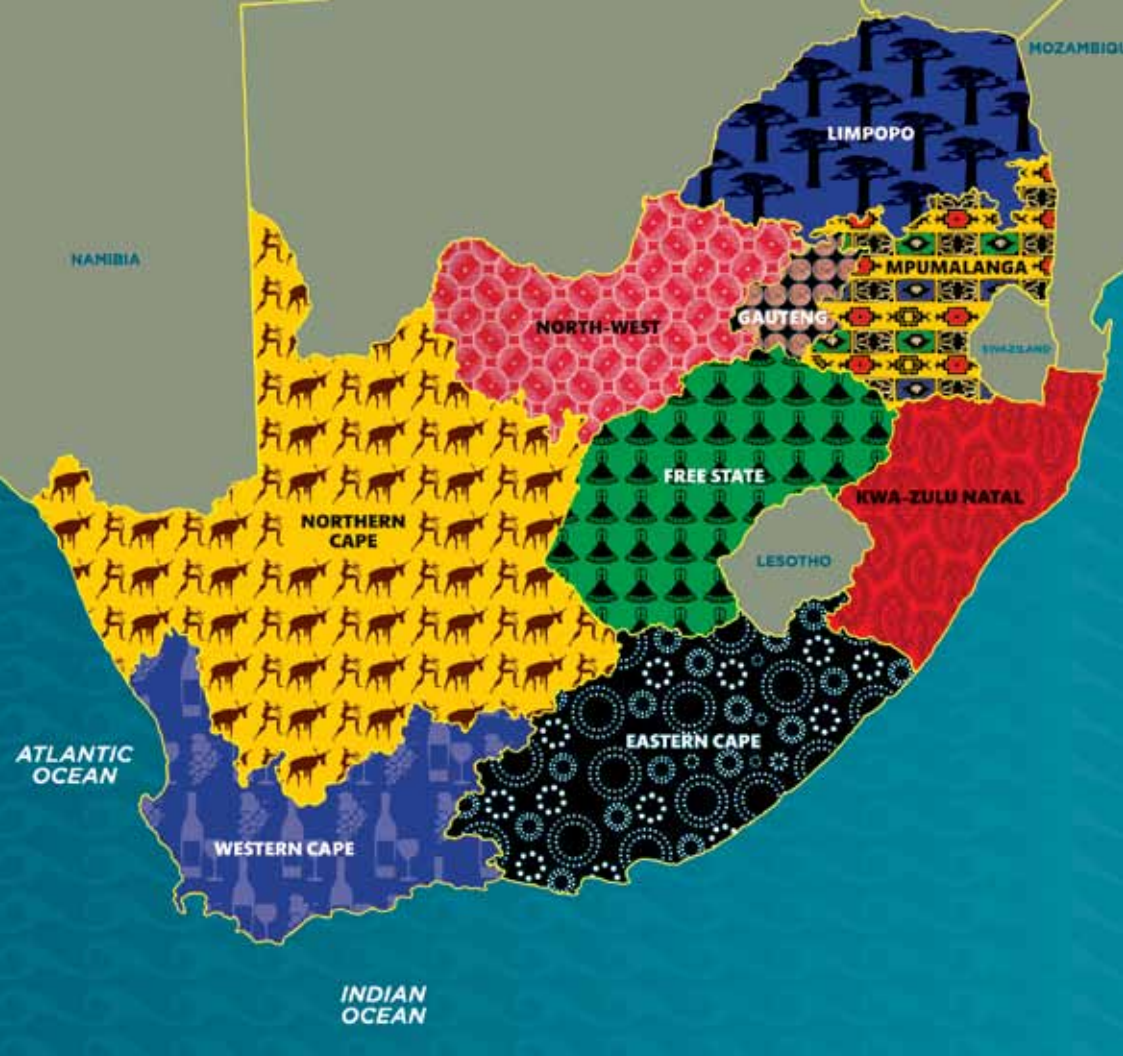
It is a place where the spirit of South Africa comes alive. South African businessmen and women can use the facilities to network and showcase the success stories of our beautiful country to visitors from abroad and the rest of Africa.

Facilities

- Wi-Fi and Internet connection
- Meeting rooms
- Media and business centre
- Business lounge
- Function facilities
- Full coverage of all sports events
- South Africa bar
- South African showcase

About the EKHAYA Hospitality Centre

The Ekhaya Hospitality Centre is run by the Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa in collaboration with the Department of Arts and Culture, the Department of International Relations and Cooperation and Brand South Africa, formerly known as the International Marketing Council of South Africa.



PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

Province profile

KwaZulu-Natal

South Africa's playground, KwaZulu-Natal has spectacular mountain ranges, miles and miles of golden beaches, battlefields and some of the best game reserves in the country. Every June and July, hundreds of thousands of sardines make their way up the coast, getting trapped in bays and coves, they beach themselves and create much excitement at this natural extravaganza.

Home to two World Heritage sites, Kwazulu-Natal abounds in natural beauty and cultural heritage. The Greater St. Lucia Wetlands Park is home to five distinct ecosystems and has a unique biodiversity found nowhere else on earth. It offers everything from Big 5 game viewing, gorgeous beaches and some of the best snorkelling and scuba diving in the country.

INTRODUCTION

South Africa is one of the most diverse countries in the world. With exotic landscapes, people, history and culture it's bound to offer an experience that surpasses all ordinary expectations. Each province in Gauteng offers renowned wildlife parks and beautiful natural scenery allowing for an incomparable experience with its natural beauty. Come to Ekhaya, and take a look at some of the enchanting scenery some provinces have to offer.



Free State

Wedged between the magnificent Orange and Vaal rivers is a region blessed with such beauty and grace that for scores of years thousands of pioneers paid the ultimate sacrifice for the honour and privilege of calling it their home. Embraced by several of South Africa's provinces, the Free State assumes its rightful place at the heart of the country. Today, visitors and inhabitants alike are rediscovering their souls through the majesty of this land and the moulded spiritual ethos of its people.

The Free State is a rural province of wide horizons and blue skies, with farmland, mountains, goldfields and widely dispersed towns. Although the Free State is the third largest province in South Africa, it has the second smallest population and the lowest population density.

The capital of the Free State is Mangaung, having a well-established institutional, educational and administrative infrastructure and housing the seat of the Provincial Government as well as the Supreme Court of Appeal.

The Free State is home to rich cultural and heritage as the birth of the major political parties including the ruling party (African National Congress) that celebrated its centenary in January 2012. The province is home to the seventh World Heritage Site, Vredeford Dome.

The Maluti Mountain range of the Eastern Free State, provides a picture square of amphitheatre for the nature enthusiasts, mountain climbers and adrenalin junky.

The Goldfields area is the home for Phakisa Freeway, the inaugural host of the International Motor GP. The province is also rich in the adventure, sport and events as well as leisure tourism.



Northern Cape

The Northern Cape boasts a colourful history and a variety of cultural tourist attractions and is particularly well known for its incredible annual floral display that takes place in Namaqualand. An utterly beautiful coastline and a number of unique national parks offer the tourist a very different experience of South Africa.

Mining has always defined the history in this part of South Africa and, when diamonds were discovered in Kimberley, unprecedented growth took place in the province. The last remaining true San (Bushman) people live in the Kalahari area of the Northern Cape. The whole area, especially along the Orange and Vaal Rivers, is rich in San rock engravings. The province is also rich in fossils. The Northern Cape is divided into five distinct regions and offers many 'must-see' attractions.

The Northern Cape is a land of many diverse cultures, of frontier history and brave missionaries. It also has countless challenges for the adrenaline junkies, hikers, hunters and 4x4 adventurers. It has impressive parks with endless game and one of the most unique flora in the world. Northern Cape will help you to find some of its most worthwhile treasures.



Schedule of Activities

DAILY BASIS - ARTS & CULTURE CRAFTS		DANCE AFRICA DANCE		PUBLIC VIEWING TELEVISION SCREENS	
CALENDAR		ARTIST LINE UP	ACTIVITIES	SOUTH BANK CENTRE VENUES	TIME
Day	Date				
WEEK ONE					
Thurs	26-Jul	Dance Africa Dance	Exhibition		10h00 - 18h00
			Opening of Ekhaya - Cutting of the Ribbon	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	19h45 - 22h00
Fri	27-Jul	Dance Africa Dance	Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	17h45 - 19h45
			Public Viewing - London 2012 Olympics Opening Ceremony	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	20h00
Sat	28-Jul	Dance Africa Dance	Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00 - 18h00
Sun	29-Jul	Dance Africa Dance	Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00 - 18h00
Mon	30-Jul	Dance Africa Dance	Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00 - 18h00
		DJ's (Tamara Dey, Ryan Dent, Craig)	Kuyoze Kuyovalwa Bash	Purcell Room	19h00 - 22h00
WEEK TWO					
Tues	31 - Jul	Dance Africa Dance	Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00-18h00
		--The Parlotones & Thandiswa Mazwai	Umgubho Concert	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Auditorium)	19h45 - 22h00
		Kedibone Molaudzi, Nina Hassie, Toll Ass Mo & Eugene Schoonaraad	Comedy Night	Queen Elizabeth Purcell Room	17h45 - 19h45
Wed	01-Aug	Dance Africa Dance	Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00 - 18h00
		Short Films: And there in the Dust; Superhero; Gog' Helen (Q&A Kethiwe Ngcobo and Blitz Patrolle)	Film Festival	St Paul's Roof Pavillion	11h00 - 21h30
Thurs	02-Aug	Dance Africa Dance	Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00 - 18h00
		Mapantsula, Lucky & Spud	Film Festival	St Paul's Roof Pavillion	11h00 - 21h00

SPORTS & RECREATION ARTS & CULTURE & FREE STATE EXHIBITION

SPORTS & RECREATION ARTS & CULTURE KWAZULU NATAL & NORTHERN CAPE EXHIBITION

DAILY BASIS - ARTS & CULTURE CRAFTS			DANCE AFRICA DANCE		PUBLIC VIEWING TELEVISION SCREENS	
CALENDAR		ARTIST LINE UP		ACTIVITIES	SOUTH BANK CENTRE EVENTS	TIME
Day	Date					
WEEK TWO cont.						
Fri	03 - Aug	Dance Africa Dance	SPORTS & RECREATION ARTS & CULTURE EXHIBITION	Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00 - 18h00
		Short Films:If You Only Knew, Father X-Mas Doesn't Come Here, Paradise Stop: Q & A after the film with Rapulana, White Wedding (Producer in attendance)		Film Festival	St Paul's Roof Pavillion	11h00 - 21h30
Sat	04 - Aug	Dance Africa Dance		Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00 - 18h00
		Highlight 100 years of Urban South African History		Fashion Show Case	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	15h00 - 16h00
Sun	05 - Aug	Dance Africa Dance		Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00 - 18h00
		Skin, Otelo Burning & Retribution		Film Festival	St Paul's Roof Pavillion	11h00 - 20h30
WEEK THREE						
Mon	06-Aug	Dance Africa Dance	SPORTS & RECREATION ARTS & CULTURE KWAZULU NATAL & NORTHERN CAPE	Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00-18h00
Tues	07-Aug	Dance Africa Dance		Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00 - 18h00
Wed	08-Aug	Dance Africa Dance		Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00 - 18h00
Fri	10-Aug	Dance Africa Dance		Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00 - 18h00
Sat	11-Aug	Dance Africa Dance		Exhibition	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	10h00 - 18h00
Sun	12-Aug	Ringo & Sipho Hotstix		EKHAYA Closing Ceremony	Queen Elizabeth Hall (Foyer)	15h00 - 17h00