



BEST OF THE NORTH WEST

See how living on the best of North West Province, from food and wine to outdoor entertainment and activities.

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WHAT TO DO
BEE HIVE OPTIC ORIGINAL
BLOEMFONTEIN ADDRESS
There are few more magical experiences than a hot air balloon ride as the sun appears over the horizon. As you drift gently with the wind, enjoying the panoramic views, the early-morning tranquility is punctuated only by occasional chirping of birds and the frequent hum of bees into the balloons. The legendary B&B Group has been flying happy customers in balloons since 1961. Even today, you're awarded a "Certificate of Bravery" personally signed by Harvey, followed by a delicious breakfast.

GAME RESERVES
There's plenty of game viewing in North West, but two of the favorite reserves are Pienaarberg and Malibou, although there's more to see in reserves, both offer thousands of hectares of pristine free-habitat, with some of the best Big Five game viewing in the world and arguably the most beautiful lodge, both driving to Pretoria in Pienaarberg but not in Malibou.



MAAGHOBORG CANOPY TOUR
The Maghoborg Canopy Tour is an adrenaline-pumping Treetop and Aerial-style eco-adventure through the Maghoborg Mountains, the second-highest range in the world. Called the "roof of the world", the mountains have been built into the rocky cliff face over the canopy floor. You slide along the top line at high speed.



WEWITSCHELS COUNTRY MARKET
This morning market is a must-visit for the whole family. Stalls sell a wide range of wares, including clothing, African arts and crafts, books, and more. It's a great place to find local specialties and handmade goods.



JACK'S LODGES, MAAGHOBORG
Jack's award-winning safari lodges are situated close to each other on the banks of the Marico River. Jack's Three Lodges boasts a range of accommodation options in SA. The lodges built on stilts, high among the trees, while Jack's Safari Lodge remains open to the river. It's a unique experience, offering a mix of luxury and adventure.



CHARMELOON VILLAGE
Get some retail therapy at this fun shopping, dining and entertainment venue in the heart of the Hartbeespoort Dam walk. It's a great place to spend a day with family and friends.



WHERE TO EXPLORE, EAT, STAY AND SHOP
YAKI GARDEN RAAMGADERS
Visit the Yaki Garden Cheese Farm, where you can observe the age-old Dutch method of making Emmentaler and buy some to take home. The farm has a restaurant and accommodation in two self-catering cottages, if you'd like to stay over.



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and One Thousand and One Arabian Nights. It's technically in Goshing, but very close to the North West border. The decor is inspired by the country's rich history and culture. It's a great place to spend a night with family and friends. The hotel has a swimming pool, a spa, and a restaurant. It's a perfect place to spend a weekend with family and friends.



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