



# Two's company

Combine the thrill of South Africa with laidback Mauritius and you get the best of both worlds: just ask Susie Freeman



Undeniably one of the world's most alluring travel destinations, South Africa is vast, beautiful and extraordinarily diverse. Wine and wildlife, vibrant cities and golden beaches, soaring mountains and a fascinating history – there is so much to see and do it's sometimes hard to know where to start. This is where Susie Freeman comes in. Her in-depth knowledge and contagious passion will ensure you get the most out of this beguiling country.

Susie is a firm believer that almost any itinerary should include Cape Town. This charming city is renowned for its lively hospitality, much of which centres round the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, with its shops, bars, restaurants and luxury hotels. Many visitors choose to stay here, but for those who don't want to be in the thick of it, Susie suggests two great alternatives.

The first, Beaumont House, is an award-winning designer boutique hotel in the leafy suburb of Upper Claremont. Its five elegant and contemporary suites, inviting pool and unparalleled personal service have made it popular with those in the know. But if you're more of a Camps Bay kind of girl (or boy) then, the luxurious 10-bedroom Ezard House, with its intimate home-from-home ambience and rooftop Jacuzzi, comes highly recommended.

From Cape Town head 45 minutes north to wineland territory, where lazy days are spent dining al fresco and quaffing your favourite local tippie. And there's nowhere better to stay than the enchanting village of Franschhoek, home to Le Quartier Français Auberge and Restaurant. Voted 'Best small Hotel in the World' by *Tatler* in 2005, it has 15 ensuite rooms that are wonderfully secluded and the food is some of the best in the country.

From wine to wildlife, no trip would be complete without visiting one of South Africa's many great wilderness areas. One of Susie's favourites is



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**Opposite page, from top:** giraffe-spotting in South Africa; a suite at Beaumont House.

**This page, clockwise from top:** the beach at One&Only Le Saint Geran; a Mauritian Flame tree; the natural beauty of Mauritius; Le Quartier Français Auberge and Restaurant; Londolozi Game Reserve.



Londolozi Game Reserve in the Sabi Sands, a luxury ecotourism camp where the focus is on the well-being of the land, the animals and local communities. Deep in the bushveld, Londolozi is known for the leopards that visitors regularly spot on the game drives. With five camps, each with its own style, this bush retreat is a popular hideaway among honeymooners, many of whom then take a short hop on to Mauritius for a bit more R&R.

Whether you are just married or not, Mauritius provides the perfect add-on to South Africa. A multicultural tropical paradise with one of the warmest island welcomes, it gets that chilled-out beach vibe down to a tee.

But Mauritius is also home to some of the most luxurious hotels in the world and One&Only Le Saint Geran is vying for a top spot. Situated on a beautiful beach on the east coast, Susie rates this hideaway very highly. Ultra-chic rooms, an organic Spa, free golf on a nine-hole course, one of the best boathouses on the island, Alain Ducasse Spoon des Iles and Rasoi by Vineet restaurants all create a unique haven.

And down the road is The Residence, another beach paradise. Built in the architectural style of a Mauritian Manor house, The Residence is the epitome of cool, and is popular for its style, unbeatable service, amazing beach and top-quality restaurants. Want to know more? Just ask Susie.



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