

TIME

REBELLION IN IRAQ:
A STATE OF SIEGE

DESIGNER TEBOGO
MWASE, LEFT, AND
ACTRESS LESEGO
MOTSEPE AT THE
NEW NELSON
MANDELA STATUE
IN JOHANNESBURG

LIVING MANDELA'S DREAM

SOUTH AFRICA
Ten years after apartheid



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TANZANIA TSH 3,000
UGANDA USh 5,800
NAMIBIA (including tax) NAD 22.00
NIGERIA NIN 350.00
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TICKET TO RIDE

NO NEED TO PACK THESE TRUNKS

For a twist on the traditional African safari, why not hop a ride on an animal rather than merely watching them? Near Pilanesberg, two hours north of Johannesburg, you can take an elephant-back safari through the lightly wooded Letsatsing game reserve, home to rhino, giraffe and zebra. Guests are collected from the game-trackers' desk in the sprawling Sun City hotel and casino complex and taken to a nearby elephant wallow. An introductory lecture about the big beasts, a one-hour ride and transfers between the pickup point and the beginning of the elephant ride cost \$133 per person. If you're afraid of heights, opt for the elephant "interaction experience" in which you touch and feed the animals for \$49 (www.gametrac.co.za). For luxury elephant rides, head for the 130-sq-km Kapama private game reserve near Kruger National Park, five hours north of Johannesburg. The Kapama Lodge, one of only two in the park, charges \$370 per person per night for accommodation, and \$133 for a ride on a canvas-covered saddle. Good food when you stop, the chance to swim with elephants and lavish rooms (pictured below) make for a high-end ride. For the ultimate experience, stay at the park's five-star Camp Jubalani (\$880 per person per night). All elephant safaris here are free and include a four-hour trek, with a stop for a bush picnic as well as a magical nighttime ride; guests are armed with powerful spotlights to catch game from atop their lumbering pachyderms (www.kapama.co.za).

—By Simon Robinson

KAPAMA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE (4)

