LOCATION

The Cavern Resort & Spa, named after the infamous Cannibal Cavern, is nestled in the foothills of the Northern Drakensberg in the Amphitheatre World Heritage Site area. A place of captivating beauty, it is surrounded by majestic mountains, lush indigenous forests and clear ‘berg streams.

The Cavern is home to Bushman paintings, age-old rock carvings and an interesting cannibal history – all in a natural setting where bird, animal, tree and flower species flourish. It is also home to The Royal Drakensberg Primary School, founded in 2007 to uplift the local community. The journey to The Cavern is a beautiful country drive – 3.5-hours from Joburg or 3-hours from Durban.
ACCOMMODATION

We offer two types of comfortable accommodation – standard and superior. Our standard rooms are set in landscaped gardens where a mix of vibrant indigenous plants attracts countless birds that fill the days with birdsong and the evenings with the sounds of crickets, frogs and other friendly creatures.

Our finely appointed superior suites overlook a beautiful ancient fern forest. Each has its own private patio where you can soak up the sun, listen to the forest streams and rejuvenate in the peace of our exquisite mountain wilderness.
ACTIVITIES

Our resort offers all sorts of activities. We have two daily guided hikes, fly-fishing and horse trails for the experienced and for the ‘not-so-sure’. If you’re keen on mountain biking, our trails will keep you busy for days. If you prefer taking it easy, our pool is the perfect place to relax with a book, a tray of tea or a cold beer. For those up for a challenge, there’s tennis, lawn bowls and a pile of board games, such as scrabble, chess or backgammon.

We welcome children. There are pony rides, canoeing trips on the dam and a safe, exciting playground in a garden setting.
We are blessed with some of the most magnificent trekking and hiking trails in the region. We’ve got easy ones for young families as well as informative nature walks through dense fern forests, including one to a cave which echoes and another to a cave where cannibals once lived.

A highlight of a South African visit is to spend a day walking along the Tugela River to the Tugela Gorge. For the adventurous, there is a spectacular hike to the impressive 3100m summit of the Drakensberg Amphitheatre where the views are quite simply, unforgettable. We provide experienced guides and packed lunches for both outings.
FAMILY HOLIDAYS

Fondly known as ‘The Resort of Many Happy Returns’, The Cavern is a place where families bond, friendships are formed and memories are made. It is a special, tucked-away romantic getaway for couples, a gentle place to find quiet and solitude, as well as a safe and child-friendly resort with a range of fun activities for families.

Our menu caters for a variety of diets and preferences. The kiddies’ dining area is staffed with nannies to assist during meal times.
THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The Cavern is nationally recognised by KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife as a Site of Conservation Significance for conserving rare, endangered and endemic species.

The grasslands are rich with famous ‘berg flowers, the forests are home to 70 tree species and our bird list boasts an impressive 204 species, 24 of which are endemic. Eland patrol the hills and also feature in many ancient Bushman cave paintings. Baboons and mountain reedbuck can be spotted on the slopes while a resident leopard prowls at night.
FOREST RETREAT SPA

Enjoy relaxing treatments by qualified therapists while overlooking the beautiful ancient fern forests at our Forest Retreat Spa. It is a choice spot to take time out to unwind and restore in peaceful surroundings. Choose a treatment such as a hot stone massage, a luxury manicure or a body grooming session from our range of available options.