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The **CAVERN**
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**DRAKENSBERG
RESORT & SPA**

WELCOME

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

"Our work is to create beauty, to make the land more fertile, to make our living and to leave the world better than when we first came into it." – Bill Carte, 1941 (Founder)



ACCOMMODATION

We offer standard and superior rooms. Our standard units are set in landscaped gardens where vibrant, indigenous plants attract countless birds that fill your days with birdsong and evenings with the wild sounds of crickets, frogs and other friendly creatures.

Our superior rooms and suites overlook a beautiful fern forest. Each has its own private patio where you can relax in the sun, listen to forest streams and rejuvenate in the peace of exquisite mountain wilderness. Each superior suite has its own fireplace, perfect for that special getaway.



HAPPY RETURNS

Our resort offers all sorts of activities, including daily guided hikes, fishing, horse trails and pony rides. Our mountain biking trails keep cyclists active from dawn to dusk. Our pool is the perfect place to relax with a book, a tray of tea or an ice cold beer. There's tennis, lawn bowls and croquet, and board games like scrabble, chess and backgammon.

Our menu caters for a variety of diets and preferences. Our Underground Wine Cellar is stocked with a large selection of very good South African wines.



TREKKING

We are blessed with some of the most magnificent walking and hiking trails in the region. There are 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 is to spend a day walking along the Tugela River to the Tugela Gorge. There is an adventurous hike to the 3100m summit of the Drakensberg Amphitheatre where the views are spectacular. We provide experienced guides and healthy packed lunches for both outings.



FOREST RETREAT SPA

Enjoy treatments by qualified therapists while overlooking the ancient fern forest. It's the ideal spot to unwind and restore in peaceful surroundings. We're environmentally and socially responsible, so we stock Esse, a South African, organic skincare range. Treatments include hot stone massages, facials and a host of body grooming options.



FAMILY HOLIDAYS

Fondly known as 'The Resort of Many Happy Returns', The Cavern is where families bond, friendships are formed and memories are made. It's a tucked-away romantic escape for couples, a retreat for quiet and solitude, and a child-friendly resort with fun activities. There are canoe trips on the dam and there is an exciting and secure playground in the garden. Our kiddies' dining area is staffed with nannies to assist during meal times, or at other times, on request.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The Cavern is midway between Joburg and Durban - a beautiful country drive. Our valley is rich and diverse, home to Bushman paintings, rock carvings and an interesting cannibal history - all in a natural setting where bird, animal, tree and flower species flourish. The Cavern is nationally recognised by KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife as a Site of Conservation Significance.



PRESERVE

We conserve the historical heritage of this landscape and protect the healing gifts these mountains offer. Through years of eradicating invader species, maintaining the natural surrounds and investing in solar energy, our property has remained pristine.

The grasslands are rich with 'berg flowers, the forests are home to 70 tree species and our bird list has 204 species, 24 of which are endemic. Eland patrol the hills and feature in many ancient Bushman cave paintings. Baboons and mountain reedbeek can be seen on the slopes. You might even spot our resident leopard who prowls at night.



BUILDING COMMUNITY

For generations, we've been involved in establishing schools and crèches in the amaZizi Village. Cavern staff, from the local community, are trained, nurtured and empowered.

The Khanyisela Project supports 18 pre-schools and 750 children. We provide daily porridge for children, training for teachers, and educational resources and maintenance for schools. Royal Drakensberg Primary ensures a solid foundation for learning. Children *learn2read* so they can *read2learn*. BabyBoost focuses on the first 1000 days where we nourish development by empowering parents with childcare information and support.

