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Best for... HISTORY



8 Islandlwana Lodge, Islandlwana

The lodge is carved into the actual rocky outcrop where the Zulu commander stood during the Battle of Isandlwana on 22 January 1879. Lounging on the balcony of one of the 13 quietly stylish suites with a book about the battle, it's easy to picture the action unfolding below you. A guided tour with resident historian Rob Gerrard, who will bring this and the battle of nearby Rorke's Drift thrillingly to life, is a must.

Rates From R850 pps, dinner bed and breakfast **Contact** 034-271-8301/4/5, info@isandlwana.co.za, www.isandlwana.co.za

9 Die Groenhuis, Philippolis

Set in a southern Free State village that time almost forgot, Die Groenhuis is a true *dorpshuis* on the outskirts of town. The oldest settlement in the province, Philippolis also boasts the largest number of national monuments there after Bloemfontein and Bethlehem, offering plenty of eye candy for history buffs. It's owned and run by the Friis family, so expect country hospitality with plenty of inside information from Mr Friis, formerly the town's school principal. The house has been

sensitively restored and is now a contemporary-styled haven, albeit with many of the original fittings (right down to the '40s *Huisgenoots* used as insulation in the ceiling, before the days of 'Think Pink!'). Expect to be fattened up as every meal is a cornucopia of mouthwatering boerekos – from kudu sausage to succulent lamb chops, tripe and sosaties. This is meat country! And the family's new property, Die Stal, promises to offer more of what has put Die Groenhuis on the map.

Rates From R120 pps with full country breakfast **Contact** 051-773-0073, jensfriis@intekom.co.za, www.philippolis.co.za

10 Wheatlands, Great Karoo

One of the most historic farms in the Camdeboo, the guest house at Wheatlands is a superb five-bedroom Arts and Crafts house built at the height of the ostrich boom. Staying here is a marvellous trip back into the luxury and peace of the past, with 150 years of family history around you. It's rather like staying with a favourite grandmother. Enjoy the stillness of the Karoo, starlit skies, and some of the best traditional breakfasts and dinners in the country.

Rates R290 pps with breakfast and dinner **Contact** 049-891-0422, www.graaffreinet.co.za/wheatlands, wheatlands@wam.co.za