

Seven road trip ideas for Father's Day

If you're looking to spoil dad with something 'a little different' than the usual Father's Day outing, the following recommendations, courtesy of CCR, can make for a few good highlights on his calendar.

Make his day with first class whale spotting along the Whale Route. With the southern right whales making their way to the south coast in June, it's the ideal time to pack those binoculars and head to the shoreline:

Explore the Jewel of the Cape.

[De Hoop Nature Reserve](#), a beautiful Cape Heritage Site approximately three hours' drive from Cape Town, promises a rewarding day with full outdoor seashore excursions. For one, you can challenge dad to join in on the Reserve's Whale Trail, a five-day hiking trail offering spectacular views of the Reserve's coast. Rest assured, the trail includes well-equipped accommodation for each night. Celebrating its 10th anniversary year, De Hoop Nature Reserve is making its best offerings accessible for the whole family with discounted winter accommodation rates (1 May to 27 July).



Time for a Whale Route pitstop?

A few hours' road travel can be enough to work up an appetite. On your way to the southernmost tip of Africa, L'Agulhas, stop for a decadent meal at [Agulhas Country Lodge](#). Take a 'selfie' with dad against the backdrop of magnificent sea views from the lodge's deck, and enjoy different meal options including traditional country cuisine and fine dining. Add a special touch with cognac and fine Cuban cigars in front of a crackling fire in the cigar lounge. On Father's Day weekend, the lodge is stripping 40 percent from its usual accommodation rates.



Break the tension.

For many dads (and anyone, for that matter!), the half-year mark can be a checkpoint in a ‘backbreaking’ journey. Soothe the tension with a well-deserved spa treatment at the luxurious [Arniston Spa Hotel](#). With panoramic views of the Indian Ocean and untouched beaches, its spa therapies make for the perfect Father’s Day treat. We recommend the ‘Stress Buster’ break comprising a few nights’ stay and spa treatments to refresh and take on the rest of 2017 with new vigour.



Recently recognised by CCN travel as one of the world’s best road trip destinations, Route62 is bound to offer an exciting Father’s Day adventure:

Stay local, ‘bru’:

Offering a ‘lekka’ traditional and bountiful Karoo-inspired daily gourmet buffet, [Kobus se Gat](#) restaurant, at the foot of the

Swartberg Mountain range near Oudtshoorn, will match any man's hunger with a hearty South African meal. Guests can 'walk up' an appetite or 'walk off' a big lunch with a guided mountain pass tour, an extra offering on the restaurant menu. To add to your Klein Karoo must-do checklist, stop by [Safari Ostrich Farm](#) outside of town and get up close and personal with the ostriches.



Linger longer:

[Wildevondeloof](#), one of CCRs latest additions, is a 4,000-hectare private Game Reserve just 40km outside Oudtshoorn; a Route62 must-do with dad. The Reserve boasts endless views of the Swartberg Mountains, 14 different game species and diverse birdlife. It's spacious en-suite rooms ring 'privacy' like no other. Guests feeling adventurous can take to one of the guided game drives - be sure to sign up for the sunset drive! Meals and picnic baskets are available on request.



Don't put the Eastern Cape out of range:

If you're closer to the Eastern Cape or have a knack for tackling long trips from elsewhere, add [Zuurberg Mountain Village](#), on the 'stoep' of the Addo Elephant National Park, and an hour's drive from PE, to your travel itinerary. Boasting endless lush Transkei hills in its backyard and warm 24/7 hospitality, the Village is a favourite destination for locals and travellers alike. It's an ideal weekend city-breakaway with a mouth-watering Sunday lunch carvery carefully prepared by in-house chef, Shaun Moss. Think delicious traditional roasts and an endless dessert spread including home-made ice cream, crème brûlée and traditional hot puddings. There are plenty of healthy things too... End with restaurant and bar manager, Reggie Treadway's personal favourite, an exclusive selection of whisky and brandy from his antique liquor trolley.



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