CROSS-BORDER TOURISMSCAPES

The Liberation Route

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"TOURISMSCAPE"
a landscape portrayed and utilised in a tourism context, like when a list of arbitrary tourist attractions are combined into a route based on a thematic approach.

① HEROES' ACRE
- Commemorates the Namibian freedom struggle
- Celebrates Namibian independence 21 March 1990
- Houses 174 graves including 9 of symbolic leaders
- Statue to the Unknown Soldier
- The Eternal Flame: the undying spirit of freedom
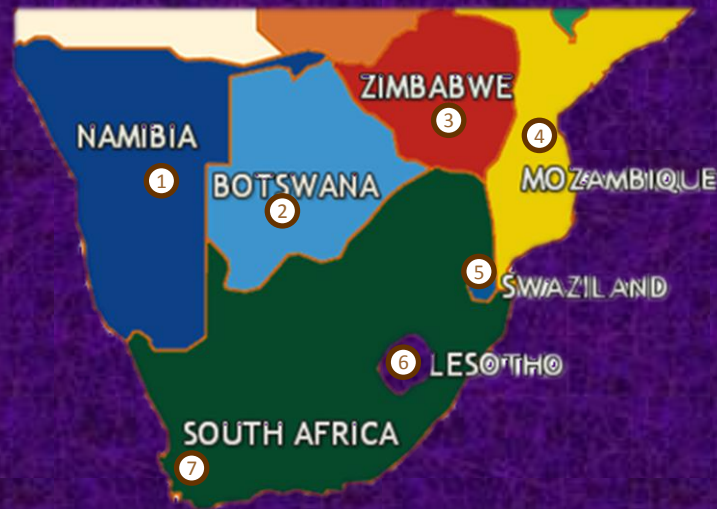
② THREE DIKGOSI MONUMENT
- Honours 3 chiefs who petitioned Queen Victoria in London for protection
- Chief Khama III of the Bangwato
- Chief Sebele I of the Bakwena
- Chief Bathoen I of the Bangwaketse
- Bechuanaland Protectorate (1885)

③ NATIONAL HEROES ACRE
- Burial ground and national monument in Harare
- Commemorates Patriotic Front guerrillas killed in Rhodesian Bush War
- Contemporary Zimbabweans also buried at the shrine
- Most of the interred are Zanu-PF sympathisers
- Monument is modelled after an AK-47

④ SAMORA MACHEL STATUE
- Celebrates Samora Machel as 1st president of Mozambique (1975 – 1986)
- Machel is idolized as a hero of Mozambican independence
- Through guerrilla warfare Machel led the victory over the colonial Portuguese government (1974).

⑤ LUBOMBO LIBERATION ROUTE
- Liberation struggle route for Mozambique and South Africa
- 'Eastern Front' of the liberation struggle used by Mkhonto Wesiswe (MK)
- Transit point for guerrillas infiltrating into SA
- ANC internal code: Maputo = the 'Harbour', Swaziland = 'Bay', South Africa = 'Ocean'

⑥ THABA BOSIU MOUNTAIN
- A steep, flat-topped mountain
- Thaba-Bosiu is famous historical site.
- King Moshoeshoe successfully defended the Basotho people against their attackers
- Considered the birthplace of the nation.
- SeSotho: 'Mountain at Night'

⑦ ROBBEN ISLAND
- World Cultural Heritage Site (1999)
- Island 6,9 km off the Cape coast
- 17th - 20th century: military base, hospital and place of banishment and incarceration
- Nelson Mandela imprisoned for 18 of 27 years
- 3 of SA presidents served sentences

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MOZAMBIQUE
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