

CROSS-BORDER TOURISMSCAPES

The Origins Route

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QUIVER TREE DOLERITE PARK & MESOSAURUS FOSSIL SITE

- Indigenous quiver tree (*Aloe dichotoma*)
- San hollow the branches for quivers
- Mesosaurus = "middle lizard" 280 mill yrs

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TSODILO HILLS

- World Heritage Site (2001)
- 100 000 years old
- High concentration of rock paintings
- Sacred, mystical place of ancestral spirits
- Extensive trade networks

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GREAT ZIMBABWE

- 12th to 15th centuries
- World Heritage Site (1986)
- Largest stone structure south of Sahara
- Shona: "houses of stone"
- 20,000 inhabitants

"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.



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CRADLE OF HUMANKIND

- World Heritage Site (1999)
- Hominin site: 40% of human ancestor fossils
- Mrs. Ples (1947)
- Australopithecus sediba (2008)
- Homo Naledi (2015)
- Only underground lake in SA

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LIPHOFUNG CAVES

- Sotho: "place of the eland"
- Open-air cavern
- Moshoeshoe stayed here for a time
- Basotho cultural village

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CHINHAMAPERE ROCK ART SITE

- World Heritage Centre (2008)
- 6,000 to a few 100 years old
- Vumba mountains and woodland
- Rainmaking rock art paintings
- Sacred rainmaking rituals

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NSANGWINI ROCK ART SITE & LION CAVERN

- Rock art images
- San rainmaking ceremony
- Lion Cavern oldest mine in the world
- Dates back 43,000 years
- Fossilized evidence of cell division