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# South Africa's Natural Heritage



South Africa, a country with a rich and diverse \_\_\_\_\_, has been home to humans for thousands of years. Its \_\_\_\_\_ and valleys tell stories of ancient times. The \_\_\_\_\_ along the Atlantic and Indian Oceans have witnessed the \_\_\_\_\_ and goings of explorers and traders. In the heart of the country, the \_\_\_\_\_, a wide open grassland, has supported both the wildlife and the people living off it. The \_\_\_\_\_ flowing through these lands have provided water, essential for survival in the sometimes harsh \_\_\_\_\_. Among these natural wonders, the Cape of Good Hope stands out as a \_\_\_\_\_ of hope and a challenge for early sailors. The Kalahari Desert, with its vast expanses of \_\_\_\_\_, has tested the resilience of those who dare to cross it. The Drakensberg \_\_\_\_\_, with their breathtaking views, have been a source of inspiration and mythology. The fertile \_\_\_\_\_ of the Eastern Cape have seen the birth of powerful kingdoms. The discovery of \_\_\_\_\_ and gold in the 19th century transformed the region, bringing wealth but also conflict. The \_\_\_\_\_, unique and varied, has always played a central role in the culture and economy of the \_\_\_\_\_. This natural environment has shaped the history and identity of South Africa, making it a \_\_\_\_\_ of beauty, struggle, and hope.

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| sand     | mountains | wildlife  | landscape | inhabitants | climate | rivers |         |
| diamonds | comings   | Mountains | coasts    | veld        | beacon  | land   | valleys |