



WHERE ARE WE GOING?

READ THESE CLUES TO YOUR KIDS AND LET THEM GUESS THE COUNTRY.



WHAT'S FOR DINNER? >>

Fun to eat, fun to say. *Bobotie* is made of spicy minced meat baked with eggs. Some locals say *bobotie* is the national dish because it's rarely found elsewhere.



TRAVEL TIP >>

Stop to smell the roses! The Cape Floristic Region has over 9,000 plant species. Nearly 70 percent of these plants and flowers are found nowhere else on earth.



KIDS & CULTURE >>

This country is called "the rainbow nation." There is a lot of cultural diversity. An average classroom might have children from a dozen different cultures.



LOOK FOR THIS >>

Kruger National Park is one of the world's best wildlife parks. The numbers of animals are unparalleled. It's a great place to see elephants, lions, rhinos and buffaloes.



FUN FACT >>

A handful of countries around the world have more than one capital city. This country has three: Cape Town, Bloemfontein and Pretoria.



DESTINATION > SOUTH AFRICA

POPULATION / **53.7 MILLION** CAPITALS / **CAPE TOWN, BLOEMFONTEIN AND PRETORIA**

CHECK IN > DAY ONE

LANGUAGE >

South Africa has 11 official languages. In the Xhosa language, the way to say *hello* is *molo*. In Setswana, you would say, *dumela*. In Afrikaans, which is based on Dutch, you would say, *hallo*, and in Zulu, the most common language, you would say, *sawubona*. While English is the language of business, entertainment and most government work, everyday life throughout South Africa is carried on in a variety of languages.

ACTIVITY >

Pretend that family members are new friends who do not speak your language. Take turns demonstrating ways to communicate without using words. Can your family members guess what you're trying to tell them?

LAYOVER > DAY TWO

CULTURE >

South Africans sometimes joke that their national sport is the *braaivleis*—which isn't a sport at all, but a form of barbecue. A *braai* is a major part of the South African lifestyle. Friends gather around the fire, cooking, sipping cool beverages and enjoying the lovely African evenings. Families might *braai* several times a week, celebrating everything from a long weekend to a wedding party. The *braai* is one activity that truly transcends this country's races, cultures and traditions. Lifelong relationships are forged around the fire (**Acts 2:46-47**).

ACTIVITY >

In every culture, mealtimes can strengthen relationships. Pick a local park that allows cooking and invite neighbors or other families from church to an evening *braai*. Cook some tasty food, play some music and have no agenda besides making a memory.

PRAY >

Pray for Focus on the Family's Tales of Hope program, which works to help families who have been forced to survive without their parents.



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