



Stellenbosch vineyard (hic*)



Table Mountain



Crocodile Farm

South Africa is a beautiful and varied country with western-world infrastructure, fabulous weather and the right sports. If the various social tensions can resolve themselves over the coming years this will potentially give all South Africans one of the best quality's of life in the world.

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We still take regular breaks to Bahrain. I have hired an excellent PR agency ([MICE Management](#)) who are based there and this gives me excellent reasons to visit every six weeks or so. Bahrain is only a five hour drive from Riyadh so this is well within the range of a long weekend. The family usually join me and Clair can catch up on shopping (there's even a Marks and Spencer) and we can do things we cannot in Saudi Arabia - eat pork, drink "real alcohol", try on clothes and go to the cinema. The [Meridien Hotel](#) (later renamed Ritz Carlton) is our favourite haunt, which has its own beach, excellent choice of restaurants, live music and an excellent champagne brunch on a Friday morning.

