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Walking Safaris of South Africa : Guided Walks and Trails in National Parks and Game Reserves / Hlengiwe Magagula and Denis Costello

Struik Travel and Heritage (Penguin Random House South Africa), Cape Town, South Africa 2021

184p.

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398 gm.

South Africa has a unique set of characteristics that make walking safaris in big game areas one of the safest and most rewarding outdoor experiences: a huge expanse of protected habitat richly populated with wildlife; excellent tourism facilities; a favourable climate; and expertly trained trail guides.

Seasoned hikers, Hlengiwe Magagula and Denis Costello cover more than 50 guided walks across 21 parks and reserves in South Africa (including two in eSwatini and one in Botswana). They unpack the options available in each park, from short dawn and dusk walks and multi-day wilderness trails to backpacking trails that span several days. Facilities range from ultra-luxurious to 'wild camping', either in tents or under the stars. Also included is a series of first-hand accounts that vividly illustrate the magical experience of exploring the bush on foot. An advisory section gives a rundown of when to go, what to pack, what to wear, and the dos and don'ts of walking in areas with big game.

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Tour Mandalay, Yangon, Myanmar 2019

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Naturalist on the Bibbulmun / Simmons, Leigh W.

University of Western Australia Publishing

291 pages

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725 gm.

The Bibbulman Track is a World class walking trail that runs just over 1000km through the forests and across the coastal heaths of southwestern Western Australia, from the towns of Kalamundain the North to Albany in the South. Naturalist on the Bibbulman is the story of one man's journey with his son through this ancient and extraordinary corner of the world. The biodiversity is so extensive that it is im-possible to provide a comprehensive field guide to the Bibbulmun Track.

Nevertheless, the author mus-ters his expertise in ecology and evolutionary biology to document the animals and plants found during the Noongar seasons of kambarang and birak, from November to January, with colour photographs throughout. In so doing we learn how evolution has shaped the extraordinary diversity of animals and plants in this corner of the World, the important roles biodiversity plays in providing the stable ecosystem in which we live and prosper, and the serious impacts to that stability imposed by our increasing overexploitation of what is an ancient and fragile landscape.

Naturalist on the Bibbulmun is both a witness statement of the current state of the natural regions of southwestern WA, and a call to arms to protect for our future generations what little remains of one of the world's most extraordinary natural habitats.

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Never Forgetting Balik Pulau : Exploring an Alluring Rustic Village in Penang Across Time / Josephine Choo (Photographs) Adrian Cheah

ACEK Creative Solutions, Penang, Malaysia 2020

viii, 168p.;

9789671876503

\$ 28.00 / null

350 gm.

Never Forgetting Balik Pulau is part memoir, part guide. The author, after spending her entire youth in the village, accumulated a bagful of tales. What started as exploratory trips gave credence to past memories and gradually, a comprehensive guide with maps to the village evolved. The authors hope that this book will be entertaining as well as informative. Balik Pulau may be an 'island behind the hills' but it is definitely worth discovering.

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Wild Hokkaidō : a guidebook to the national parks and other wild places of Eastern Hokkaidō / Mark Brazil

Sapporo : The Hokkaido Shimbun Press 2021

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