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TAKE A BREAK AND SUPPORT DOMESTIC TOURISM

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PRETORIA - The Department of Tourism thanks South Africans who have supported local establishments and boosted our tourism sector during the recent holiday period. The decrease in the fuel price that came into effect on 03 January 2024, is a great opportunity for those who didn't get some rest and recreation to grab the opportunity and simultaneously contribute to a boost for domestic tourism.

“Our country has a wealth of diverse tourism and cultural offerings nestled in our small dorpies, townships and villages. This part of the domestic market is the backbone of the tourism sector, playing a crucial role in addressing the holiday and leisure needs of our visitors, whilst creating much needed employment for our citizenry,” said the Departmental Spokesperson, Tasneem Carrim.

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy announced the adjustment of fuel prices based on current local and international factors. Yesterday motorists welcomed a Sixty-two cents per litre (62.00 c/l) decrease in Petrol (93 ULP & LRP; Seventy-six cents per litre (76.00 c/l) decrease in Petrol (95 ULP & LRP); a one hundred and eighteen point three two cents per litre (118.32 c/l) decrease in Diesel (0.05% sulphur); and a one hundred and twenty-six point three two cents per litre (126.32 c/l) decrease in Diesel (0.005% sulphur).

“As the new academic year and opening of many sectors approach, taking a last-minute January break will greatly assist to mentally prepare for a busy year, while reducing stress and supporting physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. We, therefore, encourage everyone to take some time now to explore the fun and diverse tourism offerings across the country. Whether it is a Sho't Left to a quaint picnic park, nature reserve or heritage attraction, the decrease in the fuel price will facilitate ease of access to our attractions, and contribute to growing tourism communities,” concluded Carrim.

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