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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## Minister of Tourism, Patricia de Lille encourages local travel over Easter Holiday period

With the Easter weekend upon us, I would like to wish all citizens a safe and joyful holiday period.

This weekend is one of the busiest holiday periods for the country with many citizens taking local trips to enjoy quality time with their family and friends and making new memories.

I would like to call on everyone to explore all there is to see and enjoy in our beautiful country, across all 9 provinces, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Whether it is relaxation, nature, adventure, cultural or luxury travel experiences, South Africa has it all and we have it in abundance.

There are many beautiful towns and destinations in our country with unmatched natural beauty and unique experiences.

From vibrant township tourism, to picturesque mountain ranges, gardens or game parks to our oceans and many distinctive dorpies, there is so much to enjoy and explore.

I encourage citizens to take advantage and support local tourism and local businesses as you enjoy the Easter holiday period and make new memories in some of the best spaces in the world.

I also appeal to all travelers to be safe on the roads and at your destinations. Drive responsibly and take care over the Easter weekend.

I also want to thank the tour operators and institutions that will be catering for our tourists for their contribution to growing domestic tourism.

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