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Celebrating 200 years of Zulu Heritage

2016 is set to be a momentous year for celebrating “all things Zulu” as it marks the 200th Birthday of the Zulu Nation – for it was in 1816 that the iconic King Shaka kaSenzangakhona defeated all opposition and merged the Nguni clans into one Zulu Nation.

To mark the bicentennial celebration, **Ghost Mountain Inn**, located in the heart of Zululand, has put together a **#Zulu200 package**. Rates for the 2-night package start from just R3,100 pp sharing (around £132) including a full English breakfast and dinner daily. It also includes truly memorable and authentic Zulu experiences including:

- a guided visit to a local Zulu homestead to meet a local family and taste traditional food and beer
- a visit to a local rural school the Inn supports
- a traditional beaded welcome gift in recognition of the 200 years
- R500 Voucher to enjoy a Terre d’Afrique Spa treatment in the newly revamped spa, using responsibly sourced, organic African plant ingredients.

Special events will also be celebrated throughout the year in the province including the annual **Umkhosi woMhlanga** Reed Dance in September at the Enyokeni Royal Palace in Nongoma, when thousands of unmarried women travel from the various chiefdoms to participate in the ceremonial dance.

Ghost Mountain is also fundraising as part of the campaign for the local Mtwazi School, with proceeds from each booking going towards a much needed computer centre.

FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT “ZULU”

The word “Zulu” means Heaven and is amongst the top 10 well-known words in the world
The Nguni people were the Zulu’s ancestors and their wealth is still measured in cattle today.
It is the most widely spoken of South Africa’s 11 official languages – with over 10 million people
It includes several click consonant sounds – not found outside of Southern Africa
It’s the grand finale of the NATO phonetic alphabet – ala Whiskey, X-ray, Yankee, Zulu!
The Lion King’s theme song the “Circle of Life” includes Zulu phrases, despite being based in east Africa.
King Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu will have reigned for 45 years on 3 December 2016.

NOTES:

[Ghost Mountain Inn](#) is situated at the foot of the legendary Ghost Mountain in the heart of Zululand. This 4-star family owned and run hotel boasts 50 luxurious rooms with private patios leading on to the extensive indigenous gardens and swimming pool. The hotel has its own spa with steam room & plunge pool, and offers a wide array of activities and options for exploring the nearby wildlife & coastal reserves including game drives, guided walks and boat cruises in the company of knowledgeable rangers.

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