

WELCOME AWARDS 2009: FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

SA Tourism has announced the 2009 Welcome Awards finalists.

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"The calibre of entries this year has been outstanding. Entrants have definitely upped their game in providing excellent service delivery in the build up to 2010. The judging process is rigorous. The mystery visits will really put finalists to the test, in terms of their overall hospitality offering," said **Hanneli Slabber**, global manager: product at South African Tourism.

Some of the nominees include:

Travel agencies:

Sure Turn Key Travel, Phalaborwa
South Africa Travel Centre, Benoni

Accommodation (Hotels):

Pezula Resort Hotel and Spa, Western Cape
Sheraton Pretoria Hotel, Pretoria

· Accommodation (Lodges)

Auberge Provence Guesthouse, Hermanus
Victoria Manor Guesthouse, Queenstown

· Accommodation (B&B, guesthouses, guest lodges)

Lion Sand Private Game Reserve Lodge, Sabi Sands, Kruger Park
Karkloof Lodge and Spa, Mortons Drift

· Accommodation (Self-catering)

Forever Resorts – Blyde Canyon, Graskop
Alpine House – Pretoria

· Accommodation (Backpackers, hostels, camp sites)

Bloemhof Dam Nature Reserve Campsite, Bloemhof
Jikeleza Lodge International, Port Elizabeth

· Tour operators (More than five years)

Illios Travel, Cape Town
Thompsons Africa, Durban

· Tour operators (Less than five years)

Specialised African Tour Services, Johannesburg
Edge of Africa, Knysna

