



Limpopo

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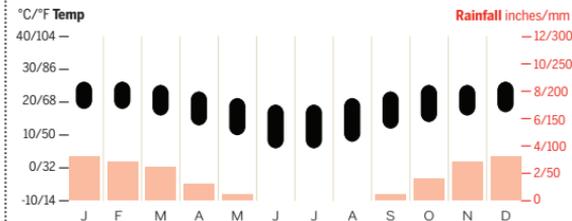
Why Go?

Limpopo is a rambling province characterised by traditional culture, wildlife and vast open spaces. With icons ranging from Mapungubwe's gold-plated rhino figurine to 'Breaker' Morant, the second Anglo-Boer War folk hero, Limpopo is an extraordinarily diverse province.

The subtropical area includes mysterious Modjadji, home of rain-summoning queens; and the Venda region, a traditional area where a python god is believed to live in Lake Fundudzi, and artists produce highly original work. The province also contains national parks featuring the Big Five, ancient and striking landscapes and the remains of a millennium-old civilisation. And if you feel the need to get away from it all, the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve offers endless skies and a distinctly South African beauty.

When to Go

Polokwane (Pietersburg)



Jun–Aug Steamy conditions cool down making this a great time to visit Mapungubwe National Park

Sep–Dec The Rain Queen near Modjadjikloof presides over a festival heralding the coming of the rains

Jan–Mar Summer is hot and dry so head for the cooler hills and the berry festival in Haenertsburg



Limpopo Highlights

1 Exploring ancient and stunning landscapes in **Mapungubwe National Park** (p410) via the confluence of three countries

2 Discovering solitude and space amongst the reserves of the vast and wild **Waterberg Biosphere Reserve** (p405)

3 Searching out traditional crafts in the **Venda region** (p411) or the intricate and colourful weavings at **Kaross** (p417)