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Swap Lanzarote for Africa's ostrich capital: Travel expert reveals hidden-gem destinations offering Spanish sun without the crowds

All commentary to be attributed to [Destination2's](#) travel expert, Betty Bouchier-Hobin.

"Tourist hotspots like Majorca, Lanzarote and Tenerife have long been favourites for British holidaymakers - but with popularity come crowds.

"Especially in peak seasons, over tourism can mean packed beaches, long queues at attractions, as well as soaring prices.

"There's a real shift happening - with more holidaymakers moving away from wrestling for sunloungers in the Spanish isles and instead seeking meaningful, memorable adventures which are off the beaten path.

"For those wanting to escape the crowds, Africa holds some incredible hidden gems. With its stunning beaches, incredible wildlife and rich cultures, it's the perfect destination for travellers wanting something different to a traditional European holiday.

"At [Destination2](#), we use our deep-rooted expertise to help holidaymakers find their ideal tailor-made trip, in lesser-known and authentic destinations.

"That's why we've rounded up some of our favourite African hidden gems to help inspire your next unforgettable adventure."

Betty Bouchier Hobin's top picks of African hidden gems:

Taghazout Bay, Morocco

Once a sleepy fishing village, Taghazout Bay is fast becoming Morocco's coolest coastal escape, loved by surfers and slow-travel seekers. With golden beaches, laid-back surf camps and yoga retreats, it offers a bohemian alternative to busier beach destinations.

[Hyatt Place](#), **Taghazout Bay**, prices from £469pp for seven nights in a five-star resort, bed and breakfast and return flights included.

Oudtshoorn, South Africa

This hidden gem is located in South Africa's Klein Karoo, known for its striking semi-desert landscapes and fascinating ostrich farms. Home to the vast Cango Caves and rich cultural history, it offers a unique island escape away from the tourist trail.

Rosenhof Country House, Oudtshoorn, prices from £1599 for seven nights in a five-star resort, bed and breakfast and return flights included.

El Gouna, Egypt

Tucked away on Egypt's Red Sea coast, El Gouna is a chic resort town known for its stunning lagoons, stylish marinas and relaxed atmosphere - offering a refreshing alternative to the bustle of Sharm El Sheikh.

A hotspot for divers and kite surfers, it's famed for its world-class water sports. With boutique hotels, beach bars and a growing arts scene, El Gouna blends luxury with laid-back charm.

Sheraton Miramar Resort El Gouna, Egypt, prices from £699pp for seven nights in a five-star resort, half board basis and return flights included.

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