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# EDITOR'S WRAP

## AN ANGRY ASTON, A LUDICROUS LAMBO & 5 REASONS YOU'LL WANT TO ROAD TRIP THIS DECEMBER

It's December! When you're South African that can only mean one thing – road tripping! So, whether you're off to visit Mom in Ugie (yes, that's a place) or on your way to party it up in Umhlanga, we hope you're all looking December fresh! No doubt, packing the car can't come quick enough and we're all dying to get going...

But, how much will that cost? Yes, the petrol price has gone up yet again - *eish, marra these guys* - so this month we've offered you 6 driving tips to get that fuel budget back in working order. It's probably the most valuable piece of advice you'll read all month - and yes, you're welcome.

On a prettier note, the BMW i8 has finally dropped its top and as expected, is looking fresh! But how long can "fresh" last we ask, as we question the longevity of the i8 design and hope it won't be forced down our throats for the decade to come. Ahem, Audi R8!

Aston Martin also feature heavily this month, and you'll be intrigued to know that they're fed up with us. And angry with Porsche too! Why? Well you'll find out in a bit, and while you're there take a look at the new V8 Vantage, which is, quite frankly, a beaut in boomslang green - so *passop!*

Toyota have a new concept 4X4 by the way, which is pure gimmick-galore (for good and bad, we suppose) but nothing compares to what Lamborghini are working on these days. Yes, Lambo has a little trick up their sleeve and never in a million years

## HAPPY NEW YEAR YOU CAR-LOVING LEGENDS!

will you guess what it is. Certainly, it's stuff for *Star Wars*.

On stars, his South African majesty, Elon Musk, has unveiled the all-new Tesla Roadster, which you probably already know is other-worldly and makes all living hyper cars the world over - those from Mars too - seem quite ordinary. The most fascinating part about it though, surprisingly, is actually not the outrageous performance stats but something so extraordinary you'll have to read it twice. Please do!

Finally, in the spirit of holidays we take a look at the 5 best driving roads in South Africa and conclude that they're probably the best in the world too, and should probably act as your December compass. Indeed, if you weren't quite sure which way to drive, follow these wondrous roads and be inspired! Ah South Africa, how we love you so...

That's it for this month guys, so until the next, drive safe, drive smart and most importantly, try look good while you're doing it. And oh yes - happy new year you car-loving legends. Woza 2018!

Yours in motoring, yours in wheels -  
The Jabulani Man

# HE BANNA! ASTON, SALUTE

The new Vantage is finally here  
and its blitz! Pretty too – in  
boomslang green nogal...





We just hate it when Astons look this good. Not because we're sour and we cannot afford one, but because we're sour and cannot afford one!

Yes, the new Aston Martin Vantage, like we thought it would following the release of the spectacular DB11 Volante, really looks awesome (*doesn't it?*) and features everything we love about V8 Astons.

Like a V8. And an Aston badge. And an air of James Bond's pomposity. That's a word meaning you think you're better than us now that you own the new boomslang-coloured Vantage so you best *passop!*

Jokes bro. You probably are better than us, and you probably started from the bottom now you're here, have a model gf or bf - and contribute very handsomely to charity for the good of the world.

You sick son of a show-off gun. Why you gotta be so perfect?

Boasting a 4-litre V8, the new Vantage delivers an impressive 375kW, which is probably very good. Why? We have no idea and who cares - because everyone will want to be your friend anyway if you buy one and that's all that counts.

But, if you really want to know what these numbers mean in the real world, know this, it's basically twice as fast as a Golf GTi to 100km/h as it hits that target in 3.6 seconds. Yes, that's the money shot if you were wondering.

Oh, and how much, you ask?

Look, we don't usually like ruining days, but know that it will cost 6-7 times more than a GTi too. ■

Recently, Aston's chief creative officer, Marek Reichman, angrily told the world that he is fed-up that everyone thinks all Aston Martins - the outgoing generation - look the same. Aah, shame. Would you like a tissue with that issue boet?



Then, in another angry fit, went on to accuse Porsche and Bentley SUVs of being posers! Yoh, talk about anger issues.





With built-in action cams for live streaming and removable headlights for torches, the Toyota FT-AC Concept is made for the gimmick lover. Toyota are "testing the waters" with this one. Test away.

Sure, action cams to live stream your adventures are great, but will Toyota pay for the data? Besides, where in the bush are you gonna have signal to stream? Gents can't find signal for an SMS these days!



**GIMMICK  
GALORE!**

LAMBORGHINI TERZO MILLENNIO

## A self-healing miracle



MIT are working with Lamborghini to create a Lambo that heals itself "via micro-channels filled with healing chemistries". Damn. Batman's gonna love this. That's not all though - its body also "acts as an accumulator for energy storage". When's it coming? No announcement yet.



South Africa behold!

# New Merc CLS looks BMW-beating good!

Mercedes - and its new CLS - has mastered the art of designing a car that looks as good in the hands of Oupa Jan as it does being driven by Cassper Nyovest, and this is precisely the reason why we think it's BMW-beating good at the moment. Recently unveiled at the LA Motor Show, its refreshed face looks absolutely stunning and we're salivating at the idea of

what AMG will eventually do to it. The best part about it though is the challenge it sets, which will, no doubt, give rise to a stern BMW response. It's the battle of the ages we grew up loving and we wouldn't have it any other way, would we? It's the only way we know: The car-loving South African way! BM vs Merc has never been hotter!



How will BMW react to a butt like that?



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KYLE BROWN

# OTHER- WORLDLY

ELON MUSK HAS DESIGNED A  
CAR FOR MARS. BECAUSE  
NOTHING ON THIS PLANET  
COMES CLOSE.



A red Tesla Roadster is shown from a side profile, driving on a road. The background is a blurred landscape of dry grass and trees, suggesting high speed. The car's sleek design and the Tesla logo on the side are visible.

**If his other world-changing  
Teslas weren't enough,  
consider this our  
electric fate sealed.**

There is nothing much you can say about the indescribable, but when Elon Musk tweeted earlier this year that the new Tesla Roadster would go from 0-100km/h in under two seconds, we're not sure if even he believed it was possible.

Then again, as we said then, this is the same man that is colonising Mars for fun and the same genius that is single-handedly redefining the future of our motoring world because oil, it seems, just gets on his nerves.

It is truly mind-blowing. Elon Musk, born in our Pretoria, raised in the dryness of our khaki veld, has designed a production car so ridiculously fast that not even Lewis Hamilton accelerates like this for a living. Yes, the new Tesla Roadster is quicker off the line than a F1 car and if you're a car lover, that's all you'll ever need to know.

But, we will tell you more anyway because you've read this far and every mortal deserves a bit of clarity when that subject is Musk-derived.



Now, anything you read from here on out must digested in light of the fact that when Muskie-boy grew up, the Golf 1 GTi went from 0-100 in just over 8 seconds, which was outstanding. Who knows, he might have even fancied one on the Pretoria-east streets of apartheid-stricken South Africa.

Certainly, if you had told an 80s kid that an electric car would exist one day that would make a Ferrari look silly, they would probably have thought you were experimenting on the freedom of 80s drugs, or had just watched *Back to the Future* and were feeling a little playful.

Yes, this Tesla should also be digested in light of the fact that Elon Musk is also doing a presidential job on the side - that is, saving the world's climate while Donald Trump ignores the signs of climate change for the sake of another South African's dearest jokes - our beloved Trevor Noah.

The absolute immensity of what this car means cannot be underestimated:

If his other world-changing Teslas weren't enough, consider this our electric fate sealed. Tesla is currently doing to the car what the car did to the horse about 100 years ago and this here Roadster is the Ford Model T - on *dik* East Rand steroids!

So, for your pure enjoyment, imagine you were Elon of the 80s and reading these remarkable words.

Yes, it's easy to forget that this here Tesla is powered by three electric motors and nothing else - and then, powering them is a 200kWh battery pack, which literally means nothing to us. For all we know, that's the size of your razor, and powerful enough to trim a hipster beard from Woodstock to Braam - and then back again in a 60s VW surf bus. Genuinely, we have no idea! That's how alien electric propulsion still is.

Apparently though, or so we hear, it is a little bit more powerful than we thought and longer-lasting too, so before we unpack the Roadster in six facts of OMG

, consider its performance in light of the fact that this Roadster has a 1000km driving range, which is a number that is stand-alone impressive until this:

0-100km/h in 1.9 seconds - the fastest accelerating car in the world.

0-160km/h in 4.2 seconds - that's faster than a BMW M4 gets to 100km/h!

402km/h - top speed.

An 8.9-seconds quarter mile. That's the fastest production car in the world over that distance.

Then, there's another number so staggering that the fact that we don't know what it means, makes it even more scary:

10,000 Nm of torque, which is more wheel-turning power than the top-of-the-range Ford Ranger... times ten!

Then, this, blown-up and bolded, so you can read it twice:



This is only the base model.  
Holy Musk balls!

GT TEAM


# 5 BEST DRIVING ROADS IN SOUTH AFRICA

(AND THE WORLD)

A high-angle, wide shot of a rally car drifting on a winding asphalt road. The car is white with red and black graphics, kicking up a large cloud of dust and gravel. The road curves through a hilly landscape under a warm, golden sunset sky. A guardrail runs along the edge of the road, and a road sign is visible on the left. The overall mood is dramatic and action-packed.

NEW ZEALAND'S MAD MIKE WHIDDETT  
DRIFTS FRANSCHHOEK PASS, WESTERN  
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THE MAJESTIC SANI PASS OF KZN. IT  
DOESN'T MAKE OUR LIST BECAUSE  
IT'S NOT TARRED - BUT THAT  
DOESN'T MAKE IT ANY LESS MAGICAL.  
UP TOP YOU'LL FIND THE HIGHEST  
PUB IN AFRICA.

Yes, the best and purest driving roads are found in South Africa, in a country more stunning and climatically vast than than the entirety of Europe's traffic-clogged underbelly and that there is a fact - finished and klaar! Not only are these roads fantastic to drive, they boast unrivaled safari-wild scenery that will blow your tar-loving mind to Ugie (yes, that's still a place) and back.

To prove it, we've listed five of the best driving roads in South Africa, which, to be honest, were as difficult to rank as trying to rank which of your children you like most. Or which beer. Or chocolate. And other nice things like that.

Truthfully, this list could also be made longer, and written to include untarred mountain passes like Sani Pass in KZN, Prince Alfred's in the Southern Cape and of course the majestic and Karoo'd Swartberg.

But, we decided rather to stick to Top Gear's rules that insist the best driving roads have to be tarred, which truthfully - no matter the amount of 4X4 fun that can be had on potholed gravel and through Land Cruiser-loving dongas - is correct.

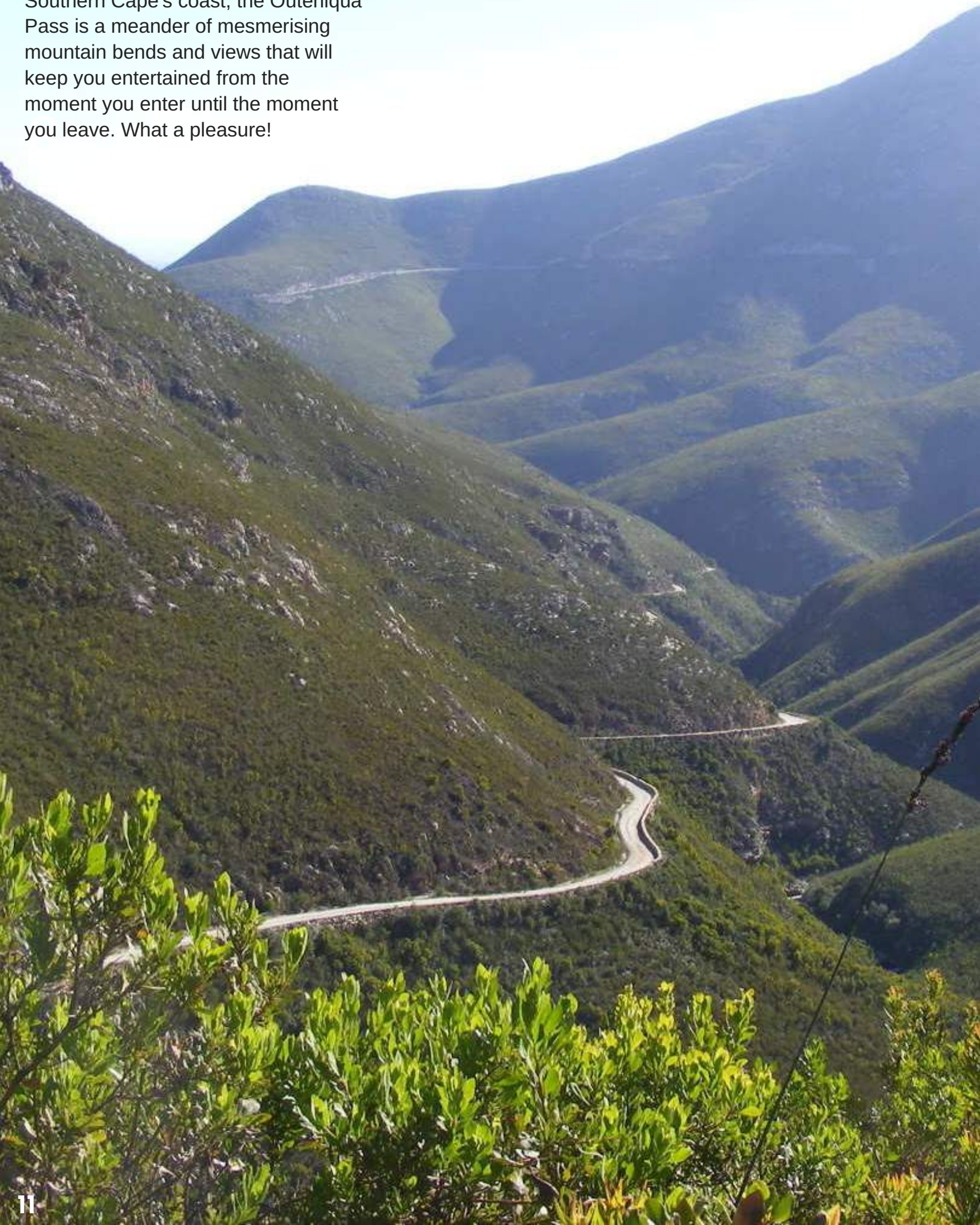
Indeed, the feeling of freedom is so extraordinary driving these five roads, that we wish that everyone who reads this gets the chance to drive them soon. It will be your December pleasure. That's our promise!

Designed to  
inspire, the  
purest driving  
roads are  
indeed as  
African as  
Mama Africa  
herself.



## 5. Outeniqua Pass, Western Cape

Situated between the ostrich stronghold of the semi-desert and the extraordinary garden route of the Southern Cape's coast, the Outeniqua Pass is a meander of mesmerising mountain bends and views that will keep you entertained from the moment you enter until the moment you leave. What a pleasure!





#### 4. Clarens Drive, Western Cape

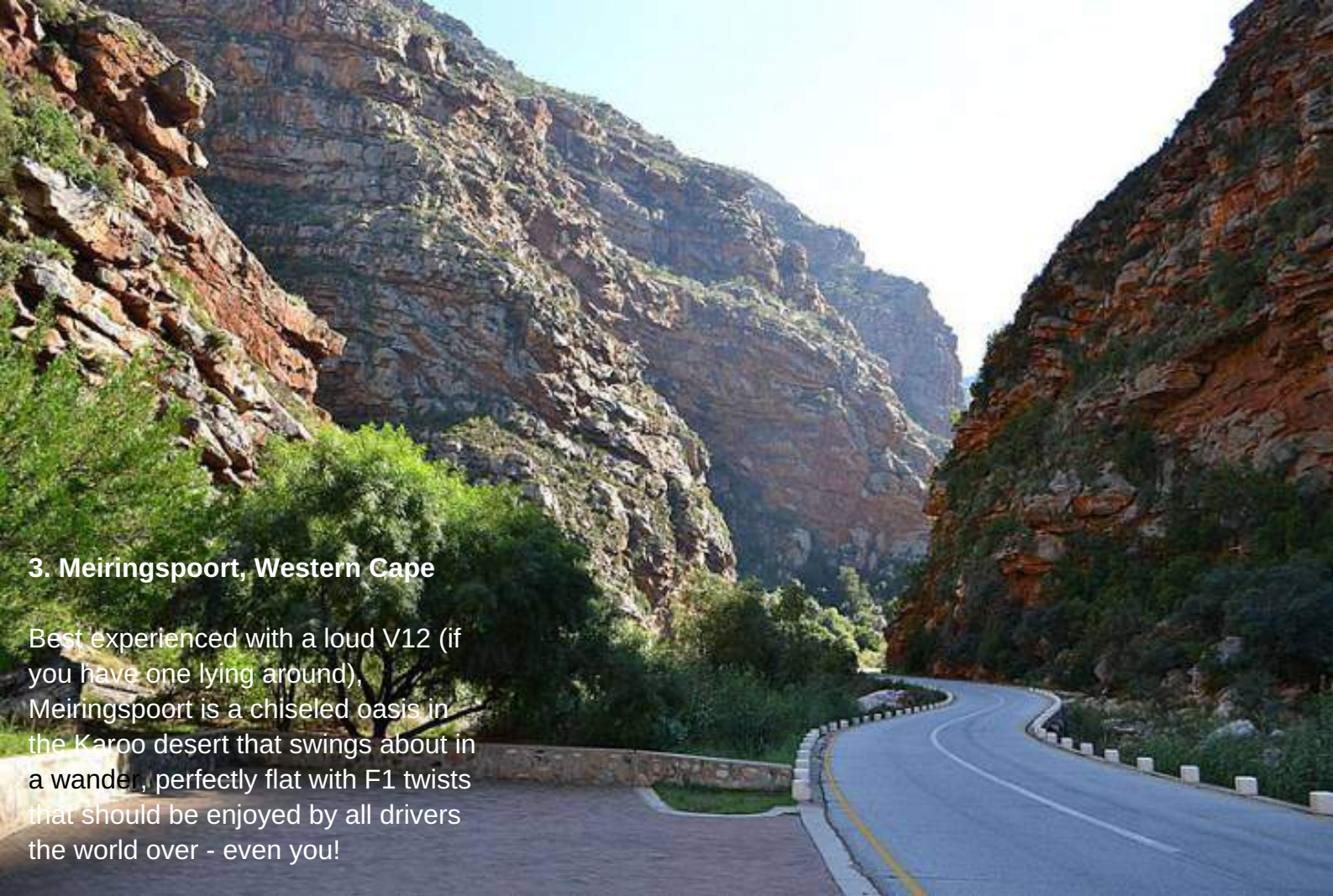
Barely an hour's drive from Cape Town is one of the most extraordinary mountain-cum-coastal meanders in the world, made prettier by the fact that it borders an untouched range of Fynbos-buried mountains, that tower on one side and then slope steeply down into the relentless energy of False Bay waters. Look out for whales here!



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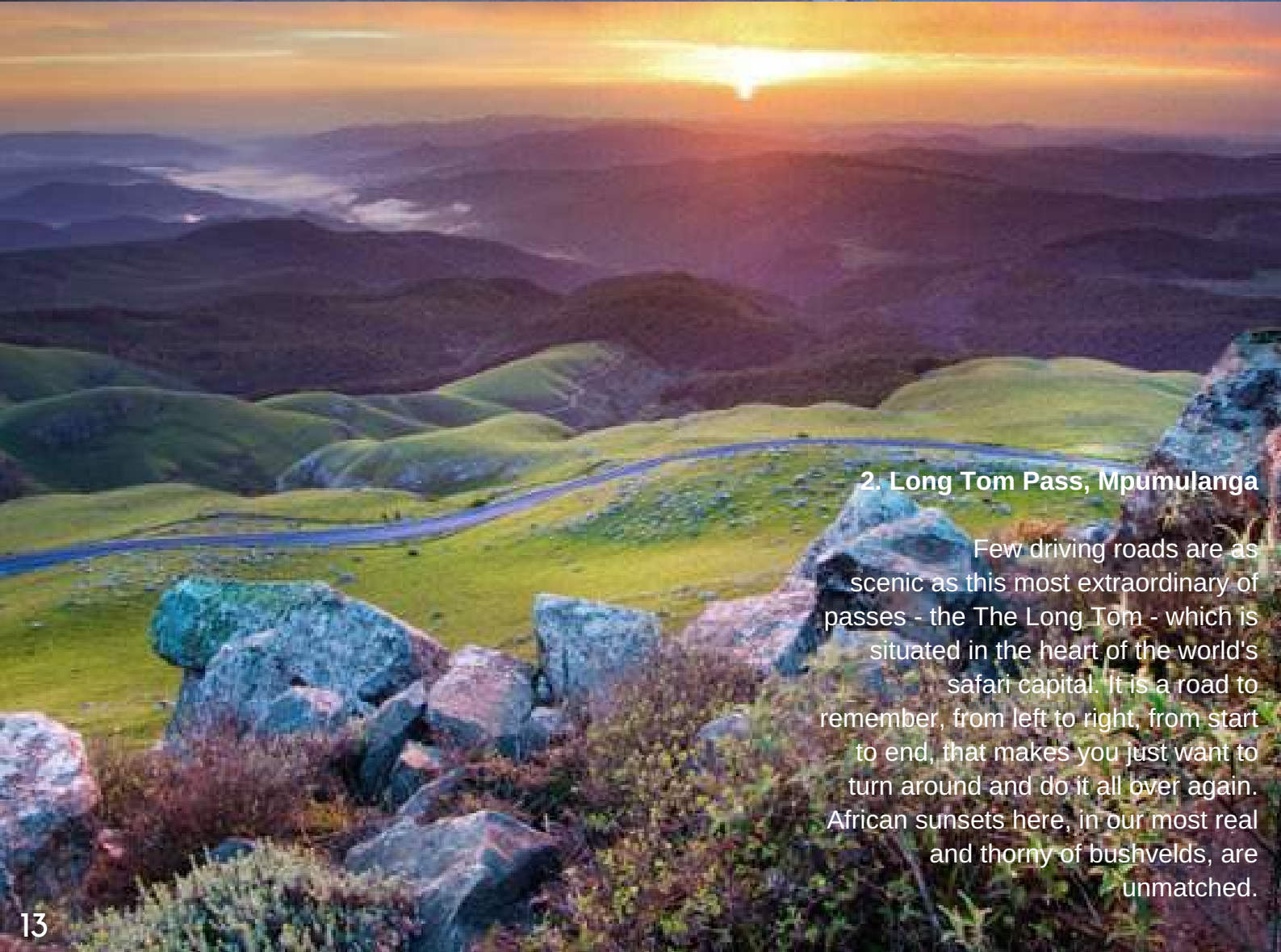
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### 3. Meiringspoort, Western Cape

Best experienced with a loud V12 (if you have one lying around), Meiringspoort is a chiseled oasis in the Karoo desert that swings about in a wander, perfectly flat with F1 twists that should be enjoyed by all drivers the world over - even you!



### 2. Long Tom Pass, Mpumalanga

Few driving roads are as scenic as this most extraordinary of passes - the The Long Tom - which is situated in the heart of the world's safari capital. It is a road to remember, from left to right, from start to end, that makes you just want to turn around and do it all over again. African sunsets here, in our most real and thorny of bushvelds, are unmatched.



## 1. Franschhoek Pass, Western Cape

Starting in the heart of criss-crossed winelands (or leading there) the Franschhoek Pass is a wonder to drive. It peaks on top of an extraordinary look out, and unravels either way in a perfectly tarred miracle. Best experienced at sunset, it will leave you questioning all things beautiful and how it is humans ever lived without tar. That's the road trip magic we pine for. Cheers! ■

# Next month in...

# GT **MAG**

Lamborghini goes off road  
in the all-new Urus







# YOH, YOH, YOH

## BMW i8 DROPS THE TOP!

The BMW i8 is a masterpiece to behold. But, gorgeous from all angles today, can it stand the test of time?

The Jabulani Man





Topless and tanned like a Bedfordview gangster, the i8 is officially back! Yes, the i8 Roadster is finally here and you'll be happy to know that it looks just like the standard i8, but even better. Unfortunately, it is a little slower without the roof, albeit marginal, but when compared to the Tesla Roadster's ridiculous stats, who's counting anyway?

You'll be more than satisfied with the amount of heads that will turn your way when you're in it and that there is surely one of the leading reasons to buy one of these in the first place. Is it not?

Yes, it still features its 1.5-litre

While going very,  
very fast you can  
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the top, pretend  
you're Captain  
Planet and be our  
hero!

motor and a set of electric ones that boost it on up to a juicy total of 275kW. What that means is this: While going very, very fast you can put your hand out the top, pretend you're Captain Planet and be our hero!

Of course, that's all a given though and we won't go into any of that now. The i8 is already well known and we're not going to repeat how good it is for the sake of words. What we're interested in is its looks, what it means for BMW to have a super car that looks this good, and whether or not futuristic type designs like this can last the ages.



You see, like the R8, we fear that the i8 may age quicker than it is meant to if BMW persists with it longer than it is meant to. Not that it necessarily will, but you can never be too careful.

Because, be assured, if BMW play Audi and release only one face every two decades, then these words might not be so kind.

Why? Because Audi has made us so freaking paranoid about futuristic super cars that whenever we see one that reeks of futurism we crawl up into a ball of R8-phobia and shake with Audi-hating fury. *Where is the new R8!?*


Cars as well designed as this, as futuristic-ally drawn, can age very quickly if they are not thoroughly refreshed, and like the R8, you can go from loving them to hating them overnight if their life is unnecessarily prolonged and there is no more love to give.

Very few cars are pretty enough to last more than a decade and on that assumption, the i8 has seven years left before we demand a new one.

This i8 Roadster is really good looking, don't get us wrong. So if BMW wants it to remain so, it must pull the plug when the time is right (electric car pun intended) for the i8 to go down in history with dignity. If it does not, it will become the R8 of super cars. Once awesome, then brilliant, then old, then older, then plain boring - now hated. Who turns their head for an R8 these days?

No one.

Yes, we love the Roadster. We do. Please BMW, don't ever give us a reason to hate it! ■



Super cars that reek of futurism  
make us crawl up into a ball of  
R8-phobia and shake with Audi-  
hating fury.

# Money Saving Alert

## 06 DRIVING TIPS TO SAVE FUEL

With fuel increases around every corner, it makes sense to save a few cents, especially over this road-tripping festive season.

After all, every litre burnt away is another hole in your back pocket and every litre saved is money that can be spent elsewhere. Whether on a supper out with family or a movie for just the two of you, there's no need to compromise on life because all your money is going to fuel.

Indeed, saving fuel is not as difficult as we think it is and you can save up to 30% of it by changing a few driving habits.

Yes, on 50-litre tank, if your car consumes unleaded 93, careful driving can save you as much as R217/tank, which is certainly nothing to scoff at. Imagine the possibilities!

### 1. Keep your car regularly maintained. Keep it fresh!

A regular car service, whether done at a certified dealer or done at home, is always good thing for your pocket. An oil change, spark plug change – including oil and air filter – can reinvigorate your car and make moving it forward that little bit easier (and cheaper).

### 2. Drive easy, accelerate smoothly and chill...

Driving smoothly and changing gears at low revs will significantly save fuel. Caress your accelerator between the lights and ease your way to fifth gear. Never rev to the limit. Driving at 60km/h is irrelevant in fuel saving terms if you're pounding your car to get there quickly. Drive easy!

3. Drive slower! On the long road, consider driving around 10-15km/h slower than the speed limit. Not only is it safe to do so, it will significantly save fuel and get you to your destination well on time. Driving slower can save you as much as 20% on fuel.

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When was the last time you changed your oil?





**Pap tyres are more likely to burst as under-inflation stretches the tyre wall. They also need more fuel to turn them.**

**4. To aircon or not to aircon?  
Well, both!**

Now, this is a debate for the ages, but research suggests that both are correct. Generally, the defining rule is this: If you are on the long road and driving faster, you should use your aircon.

Open windows and sunroofs create drag and decrease your fuel efficiency.

If however, you're in town and you're stuck between the lights, the best thing you can do is drop those windows and enjoy some fresh air.

***Did you know?** Changing your oil twice a year if you drive everyday can prolong engine life and save on fuel. Check your user manual for guidance.*

**5. Shed unnecessary weight.  
Not you – the car!**

Are you one of those people who carry around extra weight in the boot - or have a roof rack you never use? Whether you've got a few camping chairs that you lug around for an emergency braai, an old work bag full of documents or a bicycle rack you only use once a month, do yourself a favour and shed it.

We underestimate how weight can affect fuel economy and the problem is worse during acceleration and at speed.

***Driving tip:** When on the long road, switch the aircon off if you're overtaking. It gives you the extra power you need and saves fuel, saving you money.*

**6. Pump it up! You've got to pump it up...**

Pap tyres are more likely to burst as under-inflation stretches the tyre wall. Also, they're more difficult to turn.

Fortunately, both can be easily avoided if we keep an eye on the tyre pressure and check it every time we fill up. Do it today, why don't you?

Usually. For most standard cars, tyres pumped at 2-bar is better when you're fully loaded and will increase fuel efficiency. If you're unloaded, generally 1.8-bar is best.

***Did you know?** Over-inflated tyres are prone to damage if you hit a pothole. They also decrease handling, especially in the rain.*

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