Welcome

To you .....

Our visitor, and our friend,

We'd like you to leave with a small beaded gift that'll remind you of us, every time you hold it. We hope you'll always hold us close to your heart.

Your gift has been made in a uniquely South African way, hand-crafted using beads that have been part of our tradition for hundreds of years. The Zulu people of South Africa developed a code for the size and colours of their beads. Large and colourful beads symbolise wealth and social status. Blue beads are thought to enhance fertility. Red beads are reserved for ceremonies like tribal festivals, funerals, circumcisions of young boys and harvest dances. Black implies age and wisdom. Yellow means high rank, and gold indicates a long life. Beads can also convey identity and cultural significance, for example, if a woman is married or a man is a warrior or an elder.

We're proud to bring you something so special and hope that it will bring memories of our unique home, where handshakes become hugs, where welcomes are always warmer.

We hope you have tasted the sweetness of our wines, that you have jived to Pata Pata under the sun on an endless afternoon. We hope that you have watched the dawn rise on safari and filled your soul with the pride that we feel for South Africa. You are always welcome.

Hamba Kahle.*

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**'Go well' in Zulu, one of our 11 official languages*