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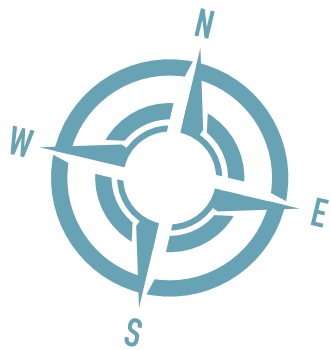
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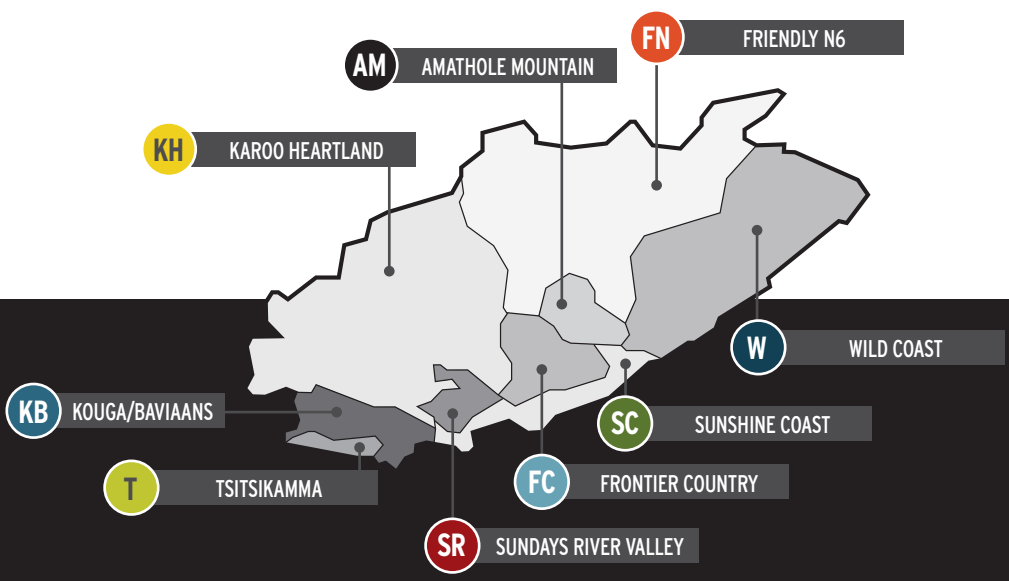
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explore EASTERN CAPE



Located in the south-eastern part of South Africa, the Eastern Cape is a destination of unmatched natural beauty - from the warm Indian Ocean to the vast plains of the Camdeboo, stretching from the foothills of the Sneeu Berg Mountains in the north to the rugged Baviaans mountain wilderness in the south.

The Eastern Cape's boasting rights include over 800 km of incredible coastline with some of the most amazing beaches in all of South Africa, jaw-dropping rock formations and landscapes, and magnificently rich diversity of fauna and flora. The Baviaanskloof is renowned as a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its extreme floristic diversity. Uniquely the Eastern Cape offers sightings of the Big 7 (lion, leopard, rhino, elephant, buffalo, southern right whales and great white sharks) in a malaria-free environment. Friendly people and their generous hospitality is not the only warmth you'll experience. The Eastern Cape has more 'sunshine' days than any other South African province - more than 300 out of 365 days are sunny. Most significantly, the Eastern Cape is the birthplace of several of South Africa's most celebrated leaders, notably the late global icon and humanitarian, Nelson Mandela.

THERE ARE MORE THAN 100 REASONS TO EXPLORE THE EASTERN CAPE!

You'll find them all in this handy travel guide.



explore BUFFALO CITY

VISIT THE BEAUTIFUL BUFFALO CITY AND EXPERIENCE A WARM AND FRIENDLY WELCOME FROM ITS DIVERSE AND UNIQUE PEOPLE. BE AMAZED BY SPECTACULAR NATURAL LANDSCAPES AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SPLENDID ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES.



EXPERIENCE 1

INKWENKWEZI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

WILDLIFE SAFARI | NATURE

Big 5 private game reserve with an emphasis on luxury and thoughtful detail. Five different regional eco-systems (biomes) and a tidal estuary. The rich diversity of landscapes offers unparalleled wildlife viewing experience. Safari game drives, elephant educational, elephant walk, canoeing, hiking and quad bike riding.

043 734 3234 | www.inkwenkwezi.com



EXPERIENCE 2

AREENA RIVERSIDE RESORT

WILDLIFE SAFARI | ADRENALIN | WATER | FAMILY

Camping or luxury chalets. Fish from the campsite on the banks of the Kwelera River or at bass dams. Canoes or sea kayaks for hire - 5km paddle to the beach. Trips to the river mouth on a double-decker river cruiser. Playground, trampolines, swimming pool, tennis court, volleyball, table tennis and pool tables. Game drive, quad bike or horse riding through the 350ha, malaria-free game reserve. Team Building and Adventure Village. Family restaurant and pub.

043 734 3055 | www.areenaresort.com



EXPERIENCE 3

WHALE WATCHING AND OCEAN CRUISES

MARINE SAFARI | WATER | FAMILY

Southern Cross Cruises have been granted East London's first - and only - boat-based whale watching permit. Take a front row seat on the excursion of a lifetime. There are various packages available - discuss directly with the operators. Bookings essential. Boat trips are weather permitting.

082 938 6275

www.facebook.com/southerncrosscruisesandboating



EXPERIENCE 4

EAST LONDON MUSEUM

CULTURE | HISTORY | FAMILY

Natural and cultural history museum, established in 1921. Exhibits include large fossil reptile skull and skeleton - Kannemeyria simocephalus; discovery of the coelacanth in 1938 - believed to have become extinct some 80 million years ago; display of area's maritime history; trace human and animal fossil footprints found in the coastal sandstone rock face (124 000 years); Hofmeyr skull (36 000 years); extensive collection of amaXhosa beadwork.

043 743 0686 | www.elmuseum.za.org



EXPERIENCE 5

CRAFT BREWERY – EMERALDVALE

DAY TRIP | OTHER

True Wild Coast hospitality family business popular with locals and visitors for its incredible ales and speciality beers. Brew tour of the workings of the microbrewery and how the beer finds its way from the keg to the glass.

043 738 5397 | 073 078 9688 | www.emeraldvale.co.za



EXPERIENCE 6

DRIFTERS RACEWAY THEME PARK

ADRENALIN | FAMILY

Outdoor adventure and amusement venue with modern gaming and entertainment centre - where culture and adventure collide in an urban environment, catering for both local and international communities. Activities include go-karting, paintball, volleyball, quad-bikes, and abseiling.

info@driftersraceway.co.za | 043 727 5060

www.facebook.com/DriftersRacewayThemePark



EXPERIENCE 7

SURFING

WATER | SPORT

Wide choice of beach and river mouth surf breaks around East London. Excellent reef break at Nahoon for the more experienced surfer and a gentler sand break off Nahoon Corner - suitable for everyone - great place to learn to surf. Sugar Shack Surf Backpackers on Eastern Beach.

043 722 8240 | sugarsk@iafrica.com



EXPERIENCE 8

THE VENOM PIT AT PYTHON PARK

FAMILY | OTHER

Outdoor, family-friendly reptile park. Watch and learn as experts handle venomous snakes and reptiles. Trained staff give tours around the park. Great party venue for children, with interactive touch farm. The Venom Pit offers training and call-outs to remove venomous or unwanted snakes in gardens, homes or places of work.

083 285 0534

www.facebook.com/TheVenomPit



EXPERIENCE 9

SAFARI EXPERIENCE

WILDLIFE SAFARI | NATURE

3 500ha of conservation land, 35km from East London - offers unique blend of luxury and wildlife experiences. With its rolling hills, river valleys and luscious surroundings, Mpongo is home to elephants, lions, buffalos, giraffe, numerous antelope and bird species.

043 742 9000/2/4 | info@mpongo.com
www.premierhotels.co.za/hotels/eastern-cape/east-london/mpongo-private-game-reserve



EXPERIENCE 10

FOOTPRINTS

NATURE | CULTURE | HISTORY

In the beautiful Nahoon Environmental Center – designed in the shape of a footprint. Locally known as 'Footprints', this is the site at which human and animal trace fossil tracks were discovered in 1964. The sandstone at this site has been dated to 124 000 years, making the human fossil track the world's oldest archaic human fossil footprints on the planet. An explanation of how they were formed can be viewed at the display in MBSA Coastal Education & Visitors Centre.

072 846 2143 | <https://g.co/kg/EKqm4J>



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NELSON MANDELA BAY



NELSON MANDELA BAY BOASTS MAGNIFICENT GOLDEN BEACHES ALONG THE WARM WATER OF THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE CITY OFFERS A BROAD RANGE OF ATTRACTIONS, INCLUDING HISTORY, ECO TOURISM, BEACHES, ENTERTAINMENT, SHOPPING, BUSINESS, WILDLIFE AND MORE. EXPERIENCE THE SPLENDOUR, BEAUTY, SPIRIT, FREEDOM, WILDLIFE, CULTURE AND FRIENDLINESS.



EXPERIENCE 11

NELSON MANDELA BAY PASS

MARINE | WILDLIFE | ADRENALIN | NATURE | CULTURE
HISTORY FOOD | NIGHTLIFE | FAMILY

Experience a whole lot more for less! The Nelson Mandela Bay Pass, a smartcard access card, provides you with free admission to a variety of attractions and activities.

041 582 2572 | www.nmbt.co.za



EXPERIENCE 12

SAVOUR GORMET PLEASURES

FOOD

Try-out at a few of the premier dining-out districts such as Richmond Hill. Many stylish restaurants and trendy coffee shops, delis and speciality wine shops.

041 582 2572 | www.nmbt.co.za



EXPERIENCE 13

BEACH & COASTAL ENCOUNTERS

WATER | FAMILY

Port Elizabeth's pristine beaches are legendary - three of these beaches boast full Blue Flag status. Wide expanses of golden sands and warm water - ideal for safe sheltered swimming, other water sport and beach leisure activities.

041 582 2572 | www.nmbt.co.za



EXPERIENCE 14

AUTHENTIC SOCIAL & CULTURAL TOWNSHIP TOURS

CULTURE

Authentic, interactive tours through the local communities of Nelson Mandela Bay.

041 582 2572 | www.nmbt.co.za



EXPERIENCE 15 ECO MARINE SAFARIS / SARDINE RUN

MARINE | SAFARI

Boat charter to view the endangered African penguin population in their natural habitat, Cape gannets, 4 different dolphin species - the largest bottlenose dolphin populations in the world, 4 whale species, various other marine species, and birds. Opportunity to experience the world-renowned Sardine Run marine spectacle.
073 152 2277 | www.raggycharters.co.za



EXPERIENCE 16 CAPE RECIFE NATURE RESERVE TOURS

FAMILY | NATURE | HISTORY

The Eastern Cape, with its mild climate, renowned beauty and natural biodiversity is an outstanding destination rich with potential. Some 15 kilometres south of the pretty coastal city of Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth, at the southern point of Algoa Bay, is the 366 ha (900 acre) Cape Recife Nature Reserve, proclaimed in 1973. Untouched and little-known, the Reserve is an extraordinarily beautiful and elemental stretch of wild coastal space. The lighthouse tour offers the possibility of a glimpse into another world. Lighthouses encompass an aura of romance, danger and legend – oh the stories they could tell! Be swept up in the drama, relive the history and feel the significance that this beacon has held for so many whose lives are spent on the ocean.
www.caperecife.com/activities



EXPERIENCE 17 ROUTE 67

CULTURE | FAMILY

Uniting Arts, Culture & Heritage, the route portrays 67 Public Art Works symbolising Nelson Mandela's 67 years of work dedicated to the Freedom of South Africa and includes 67 steps leading up to the second largest flag in Africa.
041 582 2572 | www.nmbt.co.za



EXPERIENCE 18 FAMILY FUN ESCAPADES

FAMILY

Speciality activities include guided Segway beachfront tours, indoor climbing at Valley Crag Indoor Climbing Centre, recreational trampoline activities at Gravity Indoor Trampoline Park, indoor go-carting at Algoa Grand Prix and VW Auto Pavilion automotive tour, amongst others.
041 582 2572 | www.nmbt.co.za



EXPERIENCE 19 SCENIC EXCURSIONS

NATURE | FOOD & DRINK

Venture out and explore picturesque coastal riches, hidden gems, exquisite lush countryside with country restaurants and quaint tea gardens. Enjoyable alternative options include a gourmet picnic or wine tasting at a small vineyard.
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EXPERIENCE 20 BIG 5 SAFARIS

WILDLIFE | SAFARI | NATURE

The nature reserves within, and around Nelson Mandela Bay offer a wonderful range of great outdoor options: Settler's Park, Van Staden's Wild Flower Reserve, The Cape Recife Nature Reserve, Maitlands Nature Reserve, The Island Nature Reserve, Bavianskloof Wilderness Area and Groendal Wilderness Area. Many private game lodges offer accommodation ranging from rustic to luxurious 5-star.
041 582 2572 | www.nmbt.co.za

explore FRIENDLY N6

DUBBED “THE FRIENDLY N6” BECAUSE OF THE HOSPITALITY OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE, THIS ROUTE OFFERS NATURAL HISTORY, TROUT FISHING, 4X4 TRAILS, A TASTE OF FARM LIFE, MEETINGS WITH LIVING LEGENDS, AND THE PURE BLISS OF DRIVING AROUND THE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS.



EXPERIENCE 21

ON THE WARTRAIL HORSE TRAILS & DAY RIDES**NATURE**

Ride to the top of Senqu's highest peaks, through picturesque valleys and rivers, to historical bushman paintings and sandstone features. Stay in self-catering, fully catered or cave-to-cave accommodation. Day rides, tailor-made group rides and annual rides for experienced cross-country riders.

083 578 7033

onthewartrail@gmail.com



EXPERIENCE 23

MOUNTAIN BIKING**CULTURE | HISTORY | OTHER**

Great mountain bike country with many bike routes, including:

- Rhodes - Maartenshoek/Table Hill - Rhodes.
- Rhodes - Donkerhoek/Glass Nevin - Maartenshoek - Rhodes.
- Rhodes - Donkerhoek/Clontarf - Bokspruit - Rhodes.
- Wartrail Loop: Rhodes - Carlislehoek/Tiffindell - Volunteershoek/Wartrail-Mosheshesford - Rhodes.
- The Grandfather: Rhodes - Naudesnek/Cairntoul/Tenahead/Tiffindell/Carlislehoek - Rhodes

045 971 9003 | contact@rhodesinfo.co.za

www.rhodesinfo.co.za



EXPERIENCE 24

MOUNTAIN PASSES**WILDLIFE | SAFARI | ADRENALINE | NATURE | FAMILY**

A spectacular place to put your 4 x 4 to the test. The following routes are recommended:

- Naudé's Nek - Highest mountain pass in South Africa.
- Joubert's Pass - Third highest mountain pass in South Africa.
- Volunteershoek - Up to Tiffindell Ski Resort and the highest point in the Cape.
- Carlislehoek - And down the other side to the historical Rhodes Village
- Lundeán's Nek - Scenic route to Lesotho border at Telebridge.
- Bastervoetpad - Challenging driving and incredible views of the valleys below.
- Barkly Pass - The only tarred pass - the views are worth it!
- Otto Du Plessis - Wild and unspoiled with excellent birding.
- Karringmelkspruit - Tar, between Lady Grey & New England turnoff on the R58.
- Kraai River - Tar, between New England turnoff & Barkly East.
- Old Kraai River Pass & Loch Bridge - On the Barkly East to New England/Wartrail Road.
- Espachsberg - Very rough - between the R393 and R396.

045 971 9003 | contact@rhodesinfo.co.za

www.rhodesinfo.co.za



EXPERIENCE 23

ROCK ART**NATURE | CULTURE | FAMILY**

The quaint village of Rhodes, situated in a remote corner of South Africa, has many rock art sites close by - some are open to the public. Painted by the San who lived and hunted in these mountains hundreds of years ago. Viewings are on private property.

045 971 9003 | contact@rhodesinfo.co.za | www.rhodesinfo.co.za



EXPERIENCE 25 **BIRDING**

WILDLIFE | SAFARI | NATURE | FAMILY

The village of Rhodes and the surrounding areas: +/-230 bird species recorded including the black stork, bearded vulture, black harrier, mountain pipit, yellow-breasted pipit, ground woodpecker and the Drakensberg rockjumper.
045 971 9003 | contact@rhodesinfo.co.za
www.rhodesinfo.co.za



EXPERIENCE 26 **ALPINE FLOWERS**

WILDLIFE | SAFARI | NATURE | FAMILY

The montane grassland is host to alpine and sub alpine species with best displays experienced at higher altitudes from November to April. Tiffindell usually puts on a good show in early December and Naudesnek is at its best in February. Guided tours can be arranged.
045 971 9003 | contact@rhodesinfo.co.za
www.rhodesinfo.co.za



EXPERIENCE 27 **CAMINO ROUTE**

WILDLIFE | SAFARI | ADRENALINE | NATURE | FAMILY

The original Camino walk is 3 days/4 nights - can be extended (20kms per day). Hearty farm meals for dinner, full breakfasts, snack packs for lunch and overnight stays in local farm houses included in pricing. On the longer walk Tiffindell Alpine Resort is included, with the option to walk Ben McDhui (highest mountain in the Cape Province) and down into Wartrail/New England valley on the other side of Rhodes.
045 971 9003 | contact@rhodesinfo.co.za
www.rhodesinfo.co.za



EXPERIENCE 28 **DAY GUIDED GOAT WALK**

NATURE | FAMILY

1-Day Guided walks with goats in the magnificent Wartrail mountains.
045 911 9003 | contact@rhodes.co.za
www.rhodesinfo.co.za



EXPERIENCE 29 **COMMUNITY ARTS EXPERIENCE**

CULTURE | FAMILY

Sterkspruit Community Art Centre - an NPO and cultural hub, home to many local artists, community groups and a meeting place to experience the performing arts. The Art Centre seeks to promote African Arts and Culture.
072 422 4753 | 060 331 9502 | www.scac.org.za



EXPERIENCE 30 **FLY FISHING FRESH WATERS**

SPORT

The Rhodes, Barkly East area has amazing fly fishing opportunities with +/-150km of mountain streams available to anglers - Bell River, Kraai River, Bokspruit, Riflespruit, Sterkspruit, Kloppershoeekspruit, Vloeikraalspruit and Langkloof River. Many of the pristine rivers and streams originate up to 3 000 metres above sea-level.
www.linecasters.co.za/freshwater/index
www.wildtrout.co.za

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KAROO HEARTLAND

EXPERIENCE 31
KAROO FOSSILS

NATURE | HISTORY

Many farms in the Graaff-Reinet and Nieu Bethesda area have collections of ancient fossils found in the veld. Take a day trip to Wellwood Farm and Ganora Guest Farm to view displays of amazing fossils found over 20 years.

049-8924248 | www.graaffreinet.co.za.

A guided fossil trail to the riverbed where fossil evidence for the story being told in the Kitching Fossil Exploration Centre is found. Fossils are protected and may not be collected/traded.
081 475 4095 | fossilsafaril@gmail.com

EXPERIENCE 32
THE OWL HOUSE

HISTORY

A National Heritage Site, The Owl House and Camelyard represent South Africa's foremost example of the art of Helen Martins. Having lived a troubled and challenging life, she transformed an ordinary Karoo home to a place of light and colour with a fantasy garden of sculptures.

049 841 1733 | admin@theowlhouse.co.za

www.theowlhouse.co.za | www.nieu-bethesda.com

EXPERIENCE 33
KAROO FOOD EXPERIENCE

FOOD

Enjoy all the treats the Karoo has to offer - Karoo lamb, potjiekos, melkkos; a typical Karoo Braai under the stars on one of the many farm stays; delectable carrot cake in Cradock. Visit Graaff-Reinet for gin, beer and wine tasting. A coffee shop in Nieu-Bethesda offers the best coffee under the Sneeuberg.
Chantelle The Tour Guide | 071 670 4747
www.karooheartland.com

EXPERIENCE 34
GRAAFF REINET

CULTURE | HISTORY | WILDLIFE SAFARI | NATURE | ADRENALINE

Over 220 national monuments; beautiful white washed Karoo Cottages and Victorian homes in Aberdeen, Nieu-Bethesda and surrounding farmsteads; the Camdeboo National Park - home to 43 mammal species, over 250 bird species, and some 330 plant species; game drives, hiking trails, a 4x4 trail; fishing at the Nqweba Dam; or a Karoo Hot Air Balloon trip.

Graaff-Reinet Tourism | 049 892 4248

www.graaffreinet.co.za



THE KAROO HEARTLAND'S RUGGED AND INTENSE BEAUTY IS DOMINATED BY VAST, FLAT PLAINS, ROCKY MOUNTAINS, AND THE BIGGEST ASSORTMENT OF SUCCULENTS IN THE WORLD. THIS BEAUTIFUL AREA, SUBJECT TO RED DUST, THORNY ACACIAS, STUNTED VEGETATION, ALOES, WINDMILLS, SHEEP AND THE ODD ANGORA GOAT, BOASTS SOME OF THE QUAINTEST TOWNS IN THE COUNTRY.



**EXPERIENCE 35
SAFARI EXPERIENCE**

CULTURE | HISTORY | WILDLIFE | NATURE | ADRENALINE | FOOD

Kuzuko Lodge rests on a hill overlooking the Kaboega plains and Winterberg Mountains. Twenty-four chalets offer guests views of a big five reserve, a watering hole and the plains of the African Klein Karoo. Game drives, evening cosmic safaris, nature walks, cheetah interaction – the Kuzuko Foundation for Wildlife Rehabilitation preserves Africa's wildlife legacy. Kuzuko@legacyhotels.co.za | www.kuzuko.com



**EXPERIENCE 36
GANORA EXCURSIONS**

NATURE | CULTURE | HISTORY

A guided informative walk to view Bushman and Khoi paintings, rock engravings and The James Kitching Fossil Centre. A museum, a medicinal plant tour and a game rehabilitation programme add to the offerings of Ganora. 049 841 1302 | 082 698 0029 | info@ganora.co.za www.ganora.co.za



**EXPERIENCE 37
KAROO PRED-A-TOURS /
CAT CONSERVATION TRUST**

WILDLIFE SAFARI | NATURE

Karoo Pred-A-Tours offers game drives and night walks on the 3 440ha game farm - Clifton. Also a tour of the small cat enclosures, with 4 of the smaller wild cat species in Southern Africa - blackfooted cat, African wild cat, serval and caracal. These cats will rarely be seen in the wild. There is no direct interaction between the public and the cats. 087 550 1072 | WhatsApp messages ONLY: 079 695 9108 info@karoocats.org | www.karoocats.org



**EXPERIENCE 38
LEISURE CYCLING TRAILS**

NATURE | FAMILY

Five different 5-day leisure cycling trails, all on a network of dirt/district roads - 6 cyclists min. per trail, (max 14). Trailing vehicle and guides with each group. Rated by Sunday Times Travel [14.01.2018] as one of 15 Great Cycle Adventures globally on the "must do" list. 011 489 5411 | 082 453 6357 dsouthey@isec.co.za | www.gkcycle.co.za



**EXPERIENCE 39
VALLEY OF DESOLATION**

NATURE | GEOLOGY | HIKING

Sheer cliffs and precariously balanced columns of Dolerite rise 120 metres from the valley floor, against the timeless backdrop of the vast plains of the Camdeboo. This is the product of volcanic and erosive forces of nature over 100 million years. This breathtaking site is a short 14 km drive from the town of Graaff Reinet. Visitors to the Camdeboo National Park will be surprised to discover the diversity of fauna and flora. There are over 220 recorded species of birdlife, 336 plants and 43 mammals. Visitors can enjoy the scenic picnic sites in the Park, and for those a little more energetic, there are three hiking trails which range from an hour to overnight hikes. www.sanparks.org/parks/camdeboo



**EXPERIENCE 40
MOUNTAIN ZEBRA NATIONAL PARK**

WILDLIFE SAFARI | NATURE

28 000 ha of wildlife including Cape mountain zebra, aardwolf, Cape buffalo, cheetah, blue crane, black rhino and Denham's bustard. Enjoy cheetah tracking safaris on foot. www.sanparks.co.za/parks/mountain_zebra

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KOUGA / BAVIAANS

THE KOUGA ROUTE INCORPORATES THE TOWNS OF HUMANSDORP, PATENSIE AND HANKIE IN THE GAMTOOS VALLEY, THE LANGKLOOF VALLEY, THE BAVIAANSKLOOF WILDERNESS AREA AND THE COASTAL TOWNS OF OYSTER BAY, ST FRANCIS BAY AND JEFFREY'S BAY. ENJOY ACTIVITIES FROM BEACH HORSE RIDES AND HIKING TO CALAMARI TASTING AND GOLF.



EXPERIENCE 41

HORSE BACK RIDING - OYSTER BAY

NATURE | FAMILY

Two tours, 10 am and 3 pm, catering for beginners and advanced riders. No fitness level specifically needed but know your own body's limitations.

www.oysterbaylodge.com



EXPERIENCE 42

SKYDIVE EXPERIENCE

ADRENALIN

A scenic 20 minute plane ride over Jeffreys bay, followed by the rush and excitement from jumping out of an aircraft at over 2 700 metres! 30 seconds freefall at 200kph and a 5 minute parachute ride. Experienced instructors with a minimum of 1 000 skydives.

072 266 22150 | info@skydivejeffreysbay.co.za

www.skydivejeffreysbay.co.za



EXPERIENCE 43

LEOPARD HIKING TRAIL

NATURE | HIKING

The Leopard Trail is a 4-day and 3-night hike set in the magnificent Baviaanskloof World Heritage Site Wilderness Reserve. This is a slackpacking hike – each day, your bags and food are transported from one overnight hut to the next, allowing hikers to walk with only a day pack. The Leopard Trail is a moderately difficult hike, with the longest day being 22km. The route is designed for people with good hiking fitness.

074 939 4395 | reservations@gobaviaans.co.za

www.gobaviaans.co.za/project/leopard-trail-general-information



EXPERIENCE 44

SHELL MUSEUM

CULTURE | HISTORY

The Charlotte Kritzinger Shell Museum is a fantastic family attraction in Jeffrey's Bay. The museum is home to more than 600 different kinds of shells, including the cowrie, paper nautilus, baby jam tarts, and a new species of cone - making it one of the largest shell collections in South Africa. Don't miss the annual Shell Festival held in September.

082 852 4056 | petro.meyer@telkomsa.net

www.showme.co.za/jeffreys-bay/tourism/shell-museum



EXPERIENCE 45

BAVIAANS CAMINO & COASTAL CHOKKA TRAIL

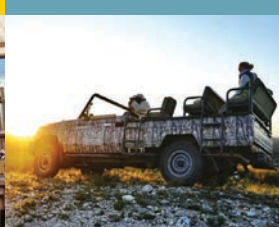
ADRENALIN | NATURE

The north-south route of the Baviaans Camino lends itself to novice horse riders accompanying hikers, supported by two vehicles. Overnight in farmhouses or tents. Starts in the Klein Karoo, traverses the Baviaanskloof Mountain Range into the Baviaanskloof, and continues through the Kouga Mountain Range towards the coast. 75km over 4 days and 5 nights.

The Chokka Trail is a 62km slackpacking holiday between Oyster Bay, St Francis Bay and Cape St Francis. The best way to see and experience the greater St Francis at your own pace and with overnight accommodation at guesthouses and a resort.

073 825 0835 | www.baviaanscamino.com

info@chokkatrail.co.za | www.chokkatrail.co.za



EXPERIENCE 46
SEASIDE OPEN WOODFIRE EATING
EXPERIENCE

FOOD | FAMILY

An unforgettable feast cooked over open wood fires on the edge of the ocean - unbeatable seafood and traditional South African food. Tables and chairs are in the sea sand on the ocean's edge. It's a whole different feet-in-the-sand dining experience. Great for families.

Walskipper 042 292 0005 | wals@intecom.co.za
 www.walskipper.co.za



EXPERIENCE 47
QUAD BIKING

ADRENALIN | NATURE

Quad and off-road bike rides in the fabulous Kabeljous Valley, visiting the zipline, watergat and cliff dive. Ride alongside a game farm and view giraffe, buffalo, zebra and other wildlife.

072 227 8333 | jbayquads@aol.com
 www.jbayquadadventures.com



EXPERIENCE 48
A DAY UP THE KROMME RIVER

WATER | NATURE

Based in the canal system of St Francis Bay, the luxury River Break barge cruises the canals, Kromme and Geelhout River. Spot a variety of buck species as well as the ever-present fish eagle en route to the farm. A traditional South African braai with all the trimmings is served at lunchtime.

042 298 0054 | seals@iafrica.com
 www.capestfrancis.co.za



EXPERIENCE 49
GREATER ST FRANCIS

WATER | NATURE | HISTORY | FOOD | FAMILY

Experience Port St Francis at the eastern most point of Africa. Enjoy calamari tasting and explore the St Francis Canals on a barge. Option to extend the experience to include an Eco Sea Cruise (about 5 - 7 hrs).

042 294 0076 (St Francis Tourism)
 083 294 2211

office@stfrancistourism.co.za | www.stfrancistourism.co.za



EXPERIENCE 50
HONEY TASTING @ PABALA
PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE

FOOD | FAMILY

Honey Tasting at The Venue @ Pabala (requires 48hour prior arrangement). Be educated about bees, their importance to nature, farmers and our everyday lives, followed by an actual tasting of the local product. The experience is inclusive of a lunch and tea and coffee service.

082 650 2730 / 082 508 7762 / 042 296 2950
 info@pabalagamefarm.co.za

www.pabalaprivatenaturereserve.co.za
 www.secure.activitybridge.com/book

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SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY



EXPERIENCE 51

WALKING WITH GIRAFFES

WILDLIFE SAFARI | NATURE

An exhilarating, authentic African experience is to join a giraffe tracking safari on foot in the 2500-hectare private game reserve known as Bellevue Forest Reserve. Giraffe are quite remarkable creatures and much more so from the perspective of being on the ground looking up! Filled with breath-taking moments, guests experience an intimate walk through the heart of the Addo Valley Bushveld accompanied by a highly experienced FGASA trained, armed trails guide. This is where beautiful memories are made, as you feel the African sun giving life to this amazing safari experience. Commencing after welcome beverages, the walk lasts about 1 hour and 45 minutes. The terrain is suitable for those of average fitness. www.bellevueforest.co.za/experiences/giraffe-tracking-safaris



EXPERIENCE 52

BIG 5 GAME VIEWING

WILDLIFE SAFARI | NATURE | FAMILY

At Schotia Safaris, guests not only experience the large herds of Elephant in the Addo Elephant National Park, but also get closer to a wide variety of animal species within the Schotia Safaris Private Game Reserve. At Schotia Safaris, guests are spoilt with closer experiences with the lion, rhino, buffalo, elephant, giraffe, hippo, crocodile and various other antelope and bird species that have made the private game reserve their home. Schotia Safaris' experienced guides have a vast knowledge of the area as well as the animals, which ensures rewarding game viewing and some of the best South African.

083 654 8511 | schotia@intekom.co.za
www.schotiasafaris.co.za



EXPERIENCE 53

ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK

MARINE SAFARI | WILDLIFE SAFARI

The only Big 7 game reserve in the world. View the largest density of African elephants on the planet, Cape buffalo, leopard, black rhino, lion as well as great white shark and seasonal southern right whale in the marine section. 041 582 2575 | addoenquiries@sanparks.org



EXPERIENCE 54

DOUBLE ZIPLINE & GIANT SWING

ADRENALINE

The highest, longest and fastest double zip line in South Africa, and the only giant swing of its kind in this country. Weight restrictions: 20-120kg zip line / 20-130kg giant swing. Moderate fitness required for the 500m hike to the zip line. info@adrenalinaddo.co.za | www.adrenalinaddo.co.za



EXPERIENCE 55

ADDO HORSE TRAIL

NATURE

Departs from Addo Main Camp in big game area. Morning ride: 08h30. Afternoon ride: 14h00. Both 2hrs, max 7 and min 1. 042 233 8600 | addoenquiries@sanparks.org
www.sanparks.org/parks/addo/tourism/activities/horse_trails



EXPERIENCE 56

ADDO CRUISES & SAND SLEDDING
(SUNDAYS RIVER FERRY)

WATER | NATURE | FAMILY

5km from Addo Elephant National Park. River cruise and sand sledding/boarding - safe for all ages. Weather dependant. info@addocruires.co.za | www.addocruires.co.za
www.addocruires.activitar.com



EXPERIENCE 57

BOAT CRUISES PORT ELIZABETH & ADDO

MARINE

Various cruise packages for 1 to 42 people. Return transport or overnight accommodation by arrangement. Book in advance. Wear comfortable warm clothing. Bring snacks and drinks. 071 185 6565 | book@sundaze.co.za | www.sundaze.co.za





HERE THE ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK STRETCHES FROM THE KAROO REGION NORTH OF THE ZUURBERG MOUNTAIN RANGE TO THE COAST AND ISLANDS OF ALGOA BAY. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST BIOLOGICALLY DIVERSE AREAS IN THE WORLD, WITH 5 OF THE COUNTRY'S 7 BIOMES. IT HAS ONE OF THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED ELEPHANT HERDS IN THE WORLD AND IS HOME TO THE LOCALLY ENDEMIC FLIGHTLESS DUNG BEETLE.



EXPERIENCE 58

WATERSKI, WAKEBOARDING & WAKE SNAKE

WATER

Sundays River Adventures caters for fun, sun, adrenalin and outdoors entertainment - sandboarding, water skiing, wakeboarding, tubing, boogy boarding, private river cruises, personalised tours, team building, business tours, international tourists and anyone looking for some fun. 071 185 6565 | book@sundaze.co.za | www.sundaze.co.za



EXPERIENCE 59

ALEXANDRIA HIKING TRAIL

HIKING | NATURE | COASTAL

Hiking the 2-day Alexandria Hiking Trail in Addo Elephant National Park is an unforgettable experience that leads the hiker through three distinctly different environments ranging from forest to coastal dunes, to seashore. No other trail in the country can boast this diversity, as you clamber up the desert-like dunes and stand aloft cliffs crumbling into the sea, trek through high forest, and along spectacular beaches.

www.sanparks.org/parks/addo/tourism/activities/alexandria_trail.php



EXPERIENCE 60

DANIELL CHEETAH PROJECT

CONSERVATION

Daniell Cheetah Project offers a unique educational Predator Tour by trained tour guides. This is a 1hr guided educational tour to see and learn more about the animals and their conservation status and the work done here. Guests will be given the opportunity to visit a cheetah inside the cheetah's enclosure.

www.daniellcheetahproject.org



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SUNSHINE COAST

THIS ROUTE EXPLORES THE SPECTACULAR STRIP OF COASTLINE BETWEEN PORT ELIZABETH AND EAST LONDON WHERE YOU TRAVEL VIA COASTAL TOWNS AND HAMLETS LIKE COLCHESTER, ALEXANDRIA, KENTON-ON-SEA, PORT ALFRED AND KIDDS BEACH. THE ROUTE'S MAJOR ATTRACTION IS ITS MAGNIFICENT SANDY COASTLINE WITH MANY RIVERS, RESORTS AND ACTIVITIES ALONG THE WAY.



EXPERIENCE 61

BEACH AND BUSH WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

WILDLIFE

Sibuja offers a variety of day trips hosted by a professional guide. A leisurely cruise up the Kariega River followed by a 3hr game drive and a delicious cold buffet lunch on the banks of the river. A full day option with a cruise, two game drives and lunch; a cruise up the river followed by lunch in one of the camps. A slow cruise back to Kenton-on-Sea.

046 6481040 | res2@sibuja.co.za



EXPERIENCE 62

KOWIE CANOE TRAIL

NATURE | ADVENTURE | COASTAL

The Kowie Canoe Trail is a 2 or more day self-guide trail that winds 21kms up the Kowie River from Port Alfred. Overnight accommodation is provided in a 16 bed wooden chalet at 'Horseshoe Bend'. The banks of the Kowie are densely forested and there is plenty of birdlife to be seen. The route also winds past the Waters Meeting Game Reserve on the east bank, so be ready with a camera to snap pics of game you will likely see on the bank. You can opt for a 2-day, 1-night trail, up to a 4-day, 3-night river and bush adventure.

046 624 2230 | 082 491 0590

kowietrails@imagine.net.co.za | www.kowiecanoetrail.co.za



EXPERIENCE 63

GOLFING

SPORT

The Royal Port Alfred Golf Club's undulated course snakes its way through thickets of pristine coastal forest and over hilly dunes in true links tradition. Panoramic views from many of the fairways. Resident wildlife includes bushbuck, springbok, impala, blesbok, fallow deer, duiker, giant tortoises and abundant birdlife.

Royal Port Alfred Golf Course: 046 624 4796 | www.rpagc.co.za
www.mantiscollection.com/fish-river-resort-opens



EXPERIENCE 64

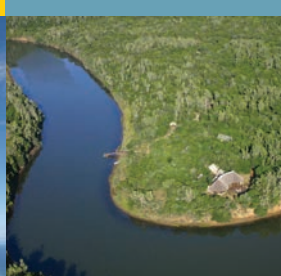
OCEANA WILDLIFE SAFARI

SAFARI | NATURE | COASTAL

Boutique hotel and spa experience in a wildlife reserve overlooking the Indian Ocean. Visit for a day and enjoy a superb meal and game drive, or stay overnight and enjoy this exquisite environment.

reservations@oceanareserve.com
www.oceanareserve.com





EXPERIENCE 65 **DEEP SEA FISHING**

MARINE | WATER

Experienced skippers take you out on equipped boats leaving from the Royal Port Alfred Small Boat Harbour. Game and bottom fishing trips, sightseeing, or special packages. A cost effective fishing charter for novices and experienced anglers. 046 624 2306 | 082 818 8995

kowiemarine@telkomsa.net | www.falucia3charters.co.za



EXPERIENCE 66 **BIRDING ON THE SUNSHINE COAST**

NATURE

The forests of Alexandria through to the Great Fish River, and inland to Bathurst are biodiversity rich, with 5 of the 7 biomes found. Coastal areas, estuaries and wetlands provide a feeding ground for waders, whilst rivers, riverine and coastal bush support many species. Over 400 bird species.

072 314 0069 | timwcroft@gmail.com

083 719 4950 | 046 675 1976

anne@annesbirding.co.za



EXPERIENCE 67 **SHIPWRECK HIKING & CANOE TRAIL**

WATER | NATURE

The Kleinemonde West River Canoe Trail is situated 15km from Port Alfred. Experience the beauty of the river and magnificent bird and wildlife while you paddle in comfortable canoes to the Lily Pad overnight hut - an easy ± 8 km paddle followed by a ± 3 km hike with your backpacks to Lily Pad overnight hut - rustic but comfortable.

046 675 1321

adrift@mweb.co.za | www.shipwreckhiking.co.za



EXPERIENCE 68 **PRISTINE BEACH EXPERIENCE**

FAMILY

The Sunshine Coast stretches from iconic Woody Cape in the west to the Great Fish River in the east. Over 100km of pristine and unspoilt coastline featuring majestic dunes, coves, rocky bays, stretches of golden sand, 10 rivers, ideal for water sports, paddling, canoeing, or just relaxing.

Sunshine Coast Tourism | 046 624 1235

tourism@sunshinecoasttourism.co.za

www.sunshinecoasttourism.co.za



EXPERIENCE 69 **5 MUSEUMS HISTORICAL TOUR**

HISTORY | CULTURE

The Sunshine Coast has a rich tapestry of history expanding to the 100-year Frontier War, 1820 settlers and modern political struggles. Visit the 5 museums of the Sunshine Coast for a unique experience.

046 624 1235 (Sunshine Coast Tourism)

www.sunshinecoasttourism.co.za



EXPERIENCE 70 **SURF LIKE A PRO**

WATER | SPORT

Shaka surf school and surf camp is based in Port Alfred but operates in Kenton during holiday seasons. The forest surf camp boasts an upcycled treehouse - hired as a private unit or a dormitory that can sleep 6. The surf camp is on the edge of an ancient dune forest and boasts its own hiking trail and half pipe skateboard ramp. Surfing road trips.

082 335 4764 | david@livewirenews.co.za

www.sunshinecoasttourism.co.za/listing/shaka-surf-school

explore TSITSIKAMMA



EXPERIENCE 71 HIGHEST BUNGY IN THE WORLD

ADRENALINE

The view from Africa's highest bridge captures all the majesty and tranquility of the Bloukrans River valley. But there is nothing tranquil about throwing yourself more than 200 metres down towards the river below! Recognised as the 'highest commercial bungee from a bridge' in the world, Bloukrans Bungee uses pendulum bungee technology to ensure the smoothest, most comfortable bungee jump possible. Jumpers are secured in a full-body harness combined with an ankle connection.

042 281 1458 | 071 109 6872 | 071 248 5959
book@faceadrenalin.com | www.faceadrenalin.com



EXPERIENCE 72 TREE TOP CANOPY TOUR - ZIPLINE EXPERIENCE

ADRENALINE

A Canopy Tour takes you on an unforgettable adventure as you zipline from one platform to the next along a series of steel cables set amongst magnificent natural surroundings. Safe for almost all ages (recommended age group is between 7 – 70). Canopy Tours are enjoyed by nature lovers, families, thrill seekers and corporate team building or conference groups.

042 281 1836 | www.stormsriver.com
www.canopytour.co.za



EXPERIENCE 73 KAYAK & LILO

WATER | NATURE | FAMILY

Kayak across the ocean and under the Storms River suspension bridge; paddle up the Storms River Mouth; lilo deeper up the Storms River Gorge; leap off the overhangs of cliff walls of the gorge into deep pools. The kayak and lilo experience can be enjoyed by the whole family. The lilo trip is the most popular and most recommended by locals and international tourists alike.

073 130 0689 | bookings@untouchedadventures.com
www.untouchedadventures.com



EXPERIENCE 74 BEER TASTING AT TSITSIKAMMA MICRO BREWERY

OTHER

An old building on the village main road has been converted into a brewery and tasting room. All beers are brewed according to the 1487 German Reinheitsgebot (purity law): using only barley, hops and water. Our ingredients are carefully selected and the water is from our own well. Our tasting room also showcases products from 5 other Craft Breweries, a choice of more than 30 beers; and most importantly has an off-sales license! Alcohol is not for sale to persons under 18.

info@tsitsikammamicrobrewery.co.za
www.tsitsikammamicrobrewery.co.za

TSITSIKAMMA ADVENTURE ROUTE STRETCHES FROM THE BLOUKRANS RIVER IN THE WEST TO THE TSITSIKAMMA RIVER IN THE EAST, IS BORDERED ON THE NORTH BY THE IMPOSING TSITSIKAMMA MOUNTAINS AND IN THE SOUTH BY THE INDIAN OCEAN. TSITSIKAMMA IS A KHOI WORD MEANING “PLACE OF ABUNDANT OR SPARKLING WATER”.



EXPERIENCE 75
THEMED RESTAURANT / “MUSEUM”

FOOD

Marilyn's 60's Diner situated in Storms River Village, in the heart of Tsitsikamma, is a great landmark for a trip down memory lane - Cadillac's and Chevy's, neon rimmed signage, 50's and 60's decor, and Elvis and Marilyn memorabilia. Like the classic diner of the movies this restaurant serves everything from breakfast, cakes and milkshakes to all American cocktails, burgers, steak and diner style desserts.
info@marilyns60sdiner.co.za | www.marilyns60sdiner.co.za



EXPERIENCE 76
SEGWAY TOUR

ADRENALINE | NATURE | FAMILY

Discover the Storms River Village and the Tsitsikamma Forest on a Segway. The guided tour takes you around the cool pine forest, indigenous forest over the historical Witteklip Bridge into the local township and to the grand 1 000 year old Tsitsikamma BIG tree. An experience not to be missed!
www.segwayfun.co.za/tsitsikamma-segway-tours



EXPERIENCE 77
PROTEA TOUR

NATURE

Visit the Regyne Protea Farm for tea and learn everything there is to know about this beautiful flower.
www.facebook.com/pages/Regyne-Protea-Farm



EXPERIENCE 78
OTTER TRAIL - HIKING

ADRENALINE | NATURE

The 45km Otter Trail is the most iconic hiking trail in South Africa. The trail, runs along the spectacular coastline between the Storms River mouth and Nature's Valley and is considered one of the finest multi-day trails in the world. It is named after the shy, mostly nocturnal, Cape clawless otter which inhabits the estuaries and streams of the South African Coast.
reservations@sanparks.org | 012 428 9111



EXPERIENCE 79
TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK

NATURE

Top 5 sights include: dolphins and porpoises, African black oystercatcher, Knysna lourie, Cape clawless otter and blue duiker.
www.nature-reserve.co.za/tsitsikamma-coastal-national-park

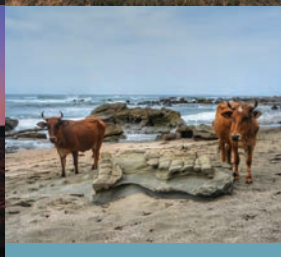


EXPERIENCE 80
THE BIG TREE

NATURE | FAMILY

With a name that doesn't leave much to the imagination, The Big Tree is exactly what it claims to be. This giant Outeniqua Yellowwood (Podocarpus Falcatus) is a magnificent part of creation, being some 1 000 years old and towering at an impressive height of 36.6 metres. The walk to The Big Tree is a few hundred metres through the gorgeous forest, cooled by the lush canopy. It is a very easy walk, not requiring any significant level of fitness. The tree is surrounded by a wooden pathway so that you are able to examine it from every angle. There is plenty of parking available.
www.tsitsikamma.info/news/the_big_tree_Itsitsikamma

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EXPERIENCE 81 HOMESTAY AND HIKING

CULTURE | NATURE | COASTAL | ADVENTURE

Amadiba Eco Adventures is the gateway to the Northern Wild Coast. They facilitate authentic eco-tourism adventures through this unique and unspoiled natural heritage biosphere. Enjoy a unique homestay experience and exploring the natural beauty of this region on foot.
078 184 1113 | admin@amadiba.co.za | www.amadiba.co.za



EXPERIENCE 82 PORT ST JOHNS EXPERIENCE

MARINE SAFARI | WATER | NATURE | CULTURE | FAMILY

Port St. Johns boasts some of the most beautiful natural scenery in South Africa with a 270 km long coastline. It lies at the mouth of the Mzimvubu River that flows through an impressive gorge ("Gates of St John") into an estuary on the Indian Ocean. Experience: Bululo Waterfall Hike, Cape Hermes Lighthouse, Isinuka Mudcaves, Blowhole & The Gap Hike, Silaka Nature Reserve, Poenskop Beach, First Beach, Second Beach, Umzimvubu River Fishing, Eagles Nest Hike, Bululo Dam and Double Falls.

083 315 3103 (Amapondo Backpackers)
info@amapondo.co.za



EXPERIENCE 83 SARDINE RUN

MARINE SAFARI

The annual Sardine Run occurs along the Wild Coast from mid-June until late July. Photographic opportunities and in-water experiences. Scuba divers require an Open Water qualification and excellent buoyancy control. Snorkelers MUST be comfortable in deep water. All in-water users MUST be comfortable to encounter sharks. A moderate fitness level required for 7hr activity.
www.offshoreportstjohns.com



EXPERIENCE 84 FAMILY BEACH HOLIDAY

FAMILY | NATURE

A perfect family getaway experience - hiking, horse riding, canoeing, fat biking or just chilling.
info@kobinn.co.za | www.kobinn.co.za



EXPERIENCE 85 THE GATES WATERFALL TRAIL

NATURE

Arrive at Trennerys Hotel to begin the 3-hour tour to the Gates Waterfall including two boat rides and a short hike through the bush. Swimming at the Gates is lovely on a warm day and your knowledgeable guide will share some information with you on the plants, animals, culture and history of the area. End off with a delightful lunch at the Trennerys Hotel Restaurant.
www.greatkeiadventures.com/activities/half-day-gates-waterfall-trail



THE WILD COAST STRETCHES FROM EAST LONDON ALL THE WAY NORTH TO PORT EDWARD. THE REGION IS HOME TO SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COASTAL SCENERY IN THE WORLD. IT IS A PLACE OF STEEP GREEN HILLS ATOP WHICH SIT CLUSTERS OF TRADITIONAL XHOSA MUD HUTS; A LAND OF WINDSWEPT CLIFFS, DESERTED WHITE-BEACHES, FORESTS, UNTAMABLE WAVES AND NUMEROUS SHIPWRECKS.



**EXPERIENCE 86
HIKING AND KAYAKING**

ADRENALINE | NATURE

Based in the local village of Mdumbi, on the beautiful Wild Coast, Mdumbi River Kayaking offers an opportunity to experience the incredible local scenery and culture along The Mdumbi and Mthata rivers. The Wild Coast truly has some of the most breathtaking scenery in the world.
www.mdumbiadventures.co.za



**EXPERIENCE 87
NELSON MANDELA MUSEUM**

HERITAGE | CULTURE

The Transkei is the esteemed birthplace to many leaders of the Apartheid Revolution – the most recognised of them being Nelson Mandela. The Nelson Mandela Museum, endorsed by the icon himself, offers a rich heritage experience.
www.nelsonmandelamuseum.org.za



**EXPERIENCE 88
HOLE IN THE WALL**

NATURE

The Hole in the Wall is a rocky archway set just off the Wild Coast, south of Coffee Bay. The little holiday village close by shares the same name. This landmark was created millions of years ago through the continuous wave action against the sandstone and shale under the hard volcanic dolerite, creating the archway. It stands before the mouth of the Mpako River and is the source of many legends.
www.wildcoast.co.za/hole-in-the-wall



**EXPERIENCE 89
TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE**

NATURE

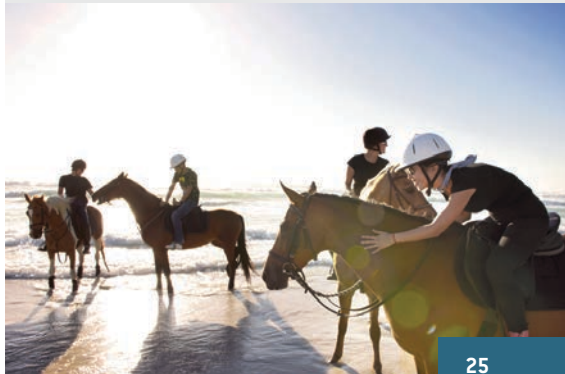
Wild Coast trail routes - an absolute must-experience! Accommodation is available along the routes to ensure that your hikes are paced and you don't miss out on the beautiful scenery along the way.
www.wildcoastwalk.co.za



**EXPERIENCE 90
WILD COAST HORSE RIDING ADVENTURES
KEI MOUTH**

NATURE

Multiple Wild Coast horse riding options available for all levels of riders. Day rides suitable for local holiday makers [1-4hrs]. Overnight base ride, staying at Kei Mouth Guest Lodge, with daily riding. Kei River Horse Trail - combination base ride with a 2-night/3-day trail up the coast or Wild Coast Horse Trail - 7-night/8-day trail for advanced riders.
www.wildcoasthorsebackadventures.com



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FRONTIER COUNTRY

THIS ROUTE TRAVERSES THE AREA THAT WAS THE SCENE OF 9 FRONTIER WARS BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND THE XHOSA AND THE MEETING PLACE OF 5 GREAT CULTURES, SAN, KHOI-KHOI, DUTCH, XHOSA AND BRITISH. FRONTIER COUNTRY, IN ITS NATURAL STATE IS ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE REGIONS ON EARTH. MUCH OF THE PRISTINE INDIGENOUS FLORA AND FAUNA IS STILL VERY ACCESSIBLE, MAKING FOR BREATHTAKING VIEWS, EXPERIENCES AND MEMORIES.



EXPERIENCE 91

GAME VIEWING IN FRONTIER COUNTRY

NATURE | WILDLIFE

KWANTU | BLAAUWKRANTZ | SHAMWARI | AMAKHALA
BUCKLANDS | KAMALA | KWANDWE | BUSHMAN SANDS
GREAT FISH RIVER | LALIBELA | THOMAS BAINES | PUMBA

www.visiteasterncape.co.za/things-to-do/attractions-activities/big-7/



EXPERIENCE 92

NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

CULTURE

The biggest annual celebration of arts on the African continent in the town of Makhanda. The event takes place in July and comprises a programme of drama, dance, physical theatre, comedy, opera, music, jazz, visual art, exhibitions, film, student theatre, street theatre, lectures, craft fair, workshops, city and historic tours and children's entertainment.

www.nationalartsfestival.co.za



EXPERIENCE 93

ALBANY & OBSERVATORY MUSEUM

HISTORY | CULTURE

The Albany Museum, established in 1855 and located in Makhanda, is the second oldest museum in South Africa. The Observatory Museum houses 1 of only 2 Victorian Cameras Obscura in the world - the other is in Bath (England) - with a magical mirror that reflects the town onto a large circular table.

Open: Mon - Fri 09h00 to 16h30

Closed: weekends and public holidays.

albanymuseum@ru.ac.za

www.albanymuseum.blogspot.com



EXPERIENCE 94

AMAZWI MUSEUM OF SOUTH AFRICAN LITERATURE

HISTORY | LITERATURE

AMAZWI Museum of South African Literature is one of South Africa's literary treasures. Tucked away in Makhanda in the Eastern Cape, AMAZWI collects all creative writing by southern African authors who write in English and in the following genres: novels, short stories, plays, essays, poetry, theatre, television and film scripts, autobiography, travel, letters, memoirs and diaries. Critical writing on the authors and their works is also collected, as well as writings on related subjects such as literary history, censorship and literary awards. These materials are collected in all formats: books, study guides, theses, literary manuscripts, press clippings and audio-visual material.

www.thebca.co.za



EXPERIENCE 95

PIG & WHISTLE

FOOD

Stop by the historic Pig and Whistle Inn while in Bathurst. This Inn has been providing hospitality for over 180 years and is home to the oldest continuously licensed pub in South Africa!

www.facebook.com/Thepigbathurst



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AMATHOLE MOUNTAINS

THIS ROUTE STRETCHES FROM ADELAIDE IN THE WEST TO STUTTERHEIM IN THE EAST, WITH THE MAJESTIC AMATOLA MOUNTAINS STANDING AS A CLEAR BEACON ON THE HORIZON. VISIT AN AREA STEEPED IN XHOSA CULTURE AND SETTLER HISTORY. ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA INCLUDE TROUT FISHING, CANOEING, BASS FISHING, MOUNTAIN BIKING, ARCHERY AND ABSEILING.



EXPERIENCE 96

MDANTSANE TOWNSHIP TOUR

CULTURE

Guided tours to experience the day-to day life of the second largest township in South Africa. Mdantsane, also known as the Boxing Mecca of South Africa, is home to boxing world champions like Happyboy Mgxaji, Welcome Ncita and Vuyani Bungu. Taste Umqombhothi, home-brewed African beer and get to know the locals in a tavern while listening to live music. 083 487 8975 | info@imontitours.co.za



EXPERIENCE 97

STUTTERHEIM ENGINE MUSEUM

HISTORY

Established in 1995, the Stutterheim Engine Museum displays 120 engines from 1903 to 1990. It is believed to have one of the largest collections of restored stationary engines in the world. Visit the museum to learn about the development and advancement of engines as well as the history of the engines on display. 043 683 1507



EXPERIENCE 98

AMATOLA HIKING TRAIL

HIKING | NATURE | ADVENTURE

Immerse yourself in the breath-taking beauty of the Amatola Mountains by taking on the Amatola Hiking Trail, widely regarded as South Africa's most challenging and immersive multi-day-hutted hiking experience. Prepare yourself for an adventure like no other as you traverse rugged terrains, dense forests, and awe-inspiring landscapes. The Amatola Hiking Trail offers a truly unique and unforgettable journey, providing hikers with an opportunity to connect with nature, test their limits, and create lasting memories. www.amatolatrails.co.za



EXPERIENCE 99

STEVE BIKO MUSEUM

HISTORY

Steve Bantu Biko, an anti-apartheid activist in the 1960s and 1970s, founded the Black Consciousness Movement which empowered and mobilised the urban population. He died, while in police custody, at the age of 30. The Steve Biko Museum in Ginsberg, near King William's Town, pays tribute to the Black Consciousness Movement. 043 605 6700 | tourism@sbf.org.za

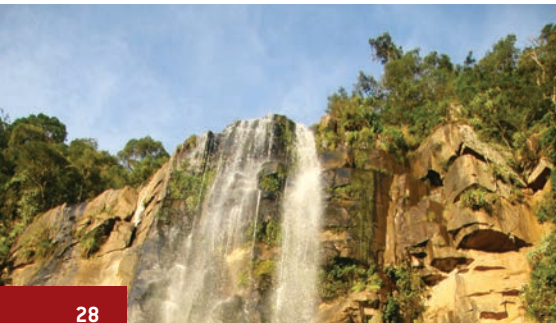


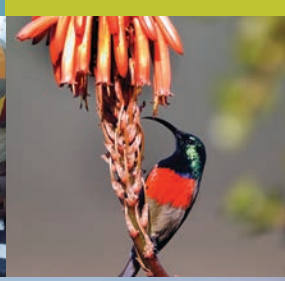
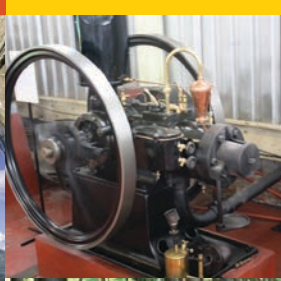
EXPERIENCE 100

HOGSBACK WATERFALL, ECO-SHRINE, HIKING

NATURE | ADVENTURE

The magical little village of Hogsback, surrounded by scenic mountains, is often covered by a blanket of snow during winter. It is situated high up on the Amatola Mountains of the Eastern Cape and is surrounded by centuries-old indigenous Afro-montane forests. www.hogsback.com





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MORGAN BAY BREAKAWAY

Head to Morgan Bay where you can enjoy time on the beach with a friend or good book, hire a canoe and enjoy a paddle on the lagoon or book a horse riding excursion. Spread these activities out over two days. Enjoy a lunch or dinner at Yellowwoods Forest Lodge or at the Morgan Bay Hotel if you fancy a break from self-catering. Enjoy sundowners and a selfie moment on the Morgan Bay Cliffs. Overnight at an establishment of your choice.

CROSS THE KEI

Head out to Morgan Bay for a brunch and then cross the Great Kei River using the local pontoon. Head to Trennerys or Seagulls hotel for a true Wild Coast breakaway. Book an excursion to the Gates and learn something about the local culture with Trevor's Trails. Enjoy a beach walk to view the remnants of the Jacaranda wreck, enjoy the Saturday night seafood buffet and make the most of the hotel facilities / amenities on offer. Overnight at one of the hotels and enjoy being catered for.



SUNSHINE COAST

Travel through to Bathurst for a browse around the arts and craft shops and enjoy a lunch at a local eatery amidst the banter of the locals. Visit the Big Pineapple and then head through to Port Alfred or Kenton-on-Sea to enjoy a change of coastal and river scenery. Local shops are available to stock up on self-catering items and restaurants are available for that special cocktail, mocktail, coffee and lunch or dinner. Book a river cruise up the Kowie, Bushmans or Kariega rivers or just enjoy a walk along one of the blue flag beaches. Both destinations have lovely curio shops to explore.



AREENA AND CHINTSA BREAKAWAY

Head out to Areena Riverside Resort and book into the campsite or one of the chalets or rondavels. Experience the double zipline, a quad bike game drive, a paddle in a canoe on the river or fishing from the banks of the river. An onsite restaurant allows you to pack light. Alternatively enjoy a self-catered braai. After breakfast, on day two, take a short drive to Chintsa East and stop at the Emeraldvale Brewery for a craft beer experience. Continue through to Chintsa and check into your accommodation - enjoy some time on the beach, book a beach horse ride or surf lesson or just kick back and relax. If you stay at Crawfords Beach Lodge you can enjoy a game of pool or tennis or cocktails on the deck whilst looking out for whale or dolphin activity in the ocean.

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SUN, SAND, SURF AND CALAMARI

Explore the delightful towns of Jeffreys Bay and St Francis Bay. You will find a range of accommodation options to suit your budget. Try your hand at surfing, stand up paddle boarding, or sandboarding. Take a canal cruise, visit the shell or surf museum, taste local calamari, enjoy a round of golf at the St Francis Links or opt for a day tour excursion into the Baviaanskloof World Heritage Site. There is a world of adventure to be experienced here.

MOUNTAIN ESCAPE

Head through to Hogsback for an outdoor mountain escape. Visit the local arts and craft and chocolate shop, take a walk to the famous Madonna and Child or Kettle Spout waterfall, walk the Labyrinth at the Edge, visit the Dianna Graham Eco Shrine, hire a mountain bike and explore a forest trail, dine at one of the local eateries, enjoy a fireside dinner or just recharge your batteries in a beautiful garden surrounded by nature. Overnight at any one of the local establishments that suits your budget - self catering options are available.



KAROO ESCAPE

Travel to Graaff Reinet and enjoy exploring museums, craft shops and local eateries before taking time out to visit the Camdeboo National Park for a self-guided game drive. Visit the incredible Valley of Desolation or book a guided trip through Karoo Connections or Karoo Park Guest House. Overnight at any one of the many accommodation establishments and enjoy the tastes of the Karoo at one of the local restaurants. The Camdeboo National Park offers chalet style accommodation. On day two take a self-drive trip to Nieu-Bethesda for a visit to the Owl House and then head off to Ganora Guest Farm a mere 8.5km away. Enjoy a guided fossil excursion, which includes a visit and talk in the fossil museum, a rock art excursion or a gentle walk around the farm. Dinner can be catered for if you want to give self-catering a miss.

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KAROO HEARTLAND

Travel to Cradock and visit the Olive Schreiner Museum and the Cradock Four Memorial site. Chat to Amos at Die Tuishuise - he is a local guide who, for a nominal fee, can take you on a local excursion (pre-book). Enjoy a meal at a local eatery and overnight in one of the historic Tuishuise, the Victoria Manor Hotel or any other establishment. On day two, travel 20km to the Mountain Zebra National Park where you can opt to spend the night and enjoy a full day excursion. You can self-drive through the park or book a guided game drive or cheetah tracking excursion with one of the Park rangers. On day three try your hand at Wild Fly fishing, take a trip to Somerset East where you can learn this skill from a local fly fisherman. Overnight at the Angler and Antelope guesthouse or a stay at any one of the other local accommodation establishments.



BIG 7 BREAKAWAY

Travel to Addo Elephant National Park and enjoy a self-guided game drive with a packed lunch. Stop at one of the picnic spots or treat yourself to a lunch at the main camp restaurant. In the afternoon head through to Port Elizabeth and check into your accommodation - choose from hotels, guest houses, B&B's, self-catering apartments and campsites. Enjoy dinner at any one of the many restaurants in Port Elizabeth. On day two, enjoy a marine safari with one of the licensed whale and dolphin watching operators and later, take some time out to explore Route 67, enjoy a beachfront Segway ride, some retail therapy, ten pin bowling, ice-skating, an Imax movie or some craft beer tasting at Beershack, Richmond Hill Brewing Company or Bridgestreet Brewery - ending of with another delectable dinner as a local eatery.



ADDO'S ELLIES

If you're in Port Elizabeth, Addo Elephant National Park is a 30-minute drive, making a quick wildlife adventure the perfect micro-trip. Get off work a little early and drive either the Mbotyi or Vukani loop (look out for lion here). Rise and shine early the following day to experience a good game drive on the way back.



ACTIVE ADVENTURE

Head off to Cape St Francis and try out a Walk on the Wildside which is a shortened version of the Chokka Trail hiking experience. You will be based in Cape St Francis for two nights and can explore the wonderful coastline and key tourism sites on foot with an experienced guide. A great active escape for young and old!



HIGHLAND ADVENTURES

Head into the North Eastern Cape, fondly referred to as the highlands, and spend time around Dordrecht, Barkley East, Elliot, Maclear, Lady Grey, Elliot or Rhodes. Guest farm stays are popular but there are some lovely guesthouses and B&B's in the towns. Clear mountain streams hail the fly fishermen and high mountain passes call out to the 4x4 enthusiasts. In the winter months, a snow-skiing experience at Tiffendel Ski Resort is a must. This region is a birdwatchers paradise and a visit to the Lammergeier Highlands Reserve will not disappoint. Spend three nights in one location using it as a base to explore the region from or experience nights in different locations and enjoy getting to know the local folk.

ADRENALINE AND ADVENTURE

Head to Stormsriver in the heart of Tsitiskamma and set your pulse racing with any one or more of the adventure activities on offer from a bungee jump off the highest bridge in Africa to the waterfall or tree top canopy zipline experiences, quad biking and Segway tours through the forest, hiking and biking trails, blackwater tubing, kayak and lilo experience or a gentle walk in the Garden Route National Park. There are lots of accommodation establishments to choose from and some local restaurants and watering holes to calm the adrenaline-fueled appetites.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: These trips are to provide the consumer with a few ideas of how they can Explore the Eastern Cape through taking a series of short trips. These micro trips are not bookable through a local tour operator but can be booked directly with various accommodation and activity providers. If anybody is interested in a specific micro trip the Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency can assist by supplying a list of key contacts. Email info@ecpta.co.za for enquiries.



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CRADOCK AND SURROUNDS

DAY 1 LOCAL IS LEKKER DAY

- 15.00 Arrive in Cradock, check in at the historic street hotel, Die Tuishuise & Victoria Manor, your accommodation venue for the next 3 nights.
- 16.30 Meet at Victoria Manor reception for an orientation walk of the hotel and historic town of Cradock.
- 18.00 Get to know a local - have a local join you for a traditional Karoo Candlelight dinner at Victoria Manor to give you some input into their daily lives.

DAY 2 CULTURE, NATURE AND SCENIC BEAUTY DAY

- 07.00 Early breakfast (packed if not enough time) and head to the scenic Mountain Zebra National Park for a once in a lifetime Cheetah Tracking Experience.
- 13.00 Lunch in the Mountain Zebra National Park.
- 15.30 Depart for final stage of game drive in Mountain Zebra National Park, South Africa's most scenic park with mountains of 1800m+ surrounding you.
- 18.00 Return to Cradock and Die Tuishuise for a township sunset tour and evening of cultural entertainment and meal in a township house, complete with Xhosa singing.

DAY 3 FOOD, CULTURE AND ADVENTURE DAY

- 08.00 Coffee Tasting and Breakfast Tasting at Karoo Brew, local pizzeria and coffee brewery.
- 10.00 Cooking course with mom and daughter team Lani and Louzel will teach you how to make bread, butter and how to cut a leg of lamb, this is your lunch too.
- 15.00 Now it's time to work off the food and do it by scaling to new heights with an abseil down Eerstekrans, then go tubing down the Fish River.
- 18.00 Time now for a local is lekker until we meet again braai party with all the friends you met during your time in Cradock - Amos, Ntombi, Dwayne, Lani and Louzel.

DAY 4 LEAVE WITH BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES

- 09.00 After breakfast head to a crèche to meet some young pre-schoolers who will delight you with their adorable faces and songs of happiness!

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CYCLING TOUR - TOUR DE FRANCIS

The Tour de Francis Challenge will allow you to experience, explore and enjoy all that greater St Francis has to offer. The route is designed for novices and experienced explorers.

DAY 1 ARRIVAL DAY

Make your way to the Cape St Francis Resort by mid-morning. Your vehicle will stay here for the duration of your challenge. You will be transported to the Oyster Kaya in Oyster Bay, where you can choose between a beach horse ride, 19km hike to Thysbaai, or a Fat Bike Ride on the beach. Sundowners will be served on the dunes. Lunch, dinner, bed & breakfast: Oyster Kaya

DAY 2

16km guided hike via the Sand River to St Francis Bay. Spa-treatments are available on request. After supper, in rainy season, an optional frog safari can be enjoyed. Packed lunch from the Oyster Kaya. Dinner, bed & breakfast: Dune Ridge Country House.

DAY 3

Enjoy a round of golf at the St Francis Links, or book:

- A day-trip to Baviaanskloof with Baviaans Adventures.
- A day-trip to the Tsitsikamma for a horse-riding experience into the Tsitsikamma Mountains; or
- An agritour into the Gamtoos Valley.

Packed lunch, dinner, bed & breakfast: Cape St Francis Resort.

DAY 4

Enjoy a short hike to Port St Francis, a privately owned working harbour where you will enjoy calamari tasting. The hike ends at Bruce's Café, from where you will be transported to the St Francis canals for a cruise and farewell lunch. Departure from 13h00.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE GREATER ST FRANCIS INCLUDES:

- St Francis Canals - swimming, sunbathing, fishing, paddling, water skiing, kite surfing, boating, canal cruise, SUP
- Learn to surf
- Betty's Tour through St Francis and Cape St Francis
- Spa treatments at Hibiscus Beauty Parlour
- Kite boarding for the experienced
- Liquid Lines - a world class aqua training centre
- Golf at the St Francis Golf Course or St Francis Links
- Doubles squash, bowls and tennis

Start the challenge in your own time, any day of the week, and select your activities! Minimum group size is 6. Transport, meals and accommodation included in the rate and will be confirmed once all activities are chosen.

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TOUR DE FRANCIS – CHOKKA TRAIL (11 DAY)

The Tour de Francis Challenge will allow you to experience, explore and enjoy all that greater St Francis has to offer. Start the challenge in your own time, any day of the week, and select your activities! The minimum group size is 6. Transport, meals and accommodation is included in the as specified. Once you have indicated which days and activities you would like to do, we will send you a rate.

DAY 1 ARRIVAL DAY

Make your way to the Cape St Francis Resort by mid-morning. You will be transported to the River Kaya on the Kromme River by barge (weather permitting) where a picnic lunch will be served.

Lunch, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast: River Kaya

DAY 2

After breakfast cycle or be transported to Oyster Bay, where a beach horse ride is waiting for you. After lunch, you will cycle (or hike) back to the Oyster Kaya.

Lunch: Oyster Bay Lodge

Dinner, bed & breakfast: Oyster Kaya

DAY 3

Choose between a guided hike to Thysbaai or a 16km Fat Bike Ride on the Oyster Bay beach.

Lunch, dinner, bed & breakfast: Oyster Kaya.

DAY 4

16km guided hike via the Sand River to St Francis Bay. Spa-treatments available on request.

Packed lunch from the Oyster Kaya

Dinner, bed & breakfast: Dune Ridge Country House.

DAY 5

Golf at the St Francis Links. Lunch: St Francis Links

Dinner, bed & breakfast: Dune Ridge Country House

DAY 6

16km hike through coastal forest, dune field and shoreline to Cape St Francis.

Packed lunch from Dune Ridge

Dinner, bed & breakfast: Cape St Francis Resort

DAY 7

Choose how you want to spend the day with the Cape St Francis Resort as your base. Various activities include: Learn to surf. Betty's Tour through St Francis and Cape St Francis. Spa treatments at Hibiscus Beauty Parlour. Kite boarding for the experienced. Liquid Lines - a world class aqua training centre. Golf at the St Francis Golf Course. Paddle on the St Francis canals. Squash, Bowls or tennis. Book a day trip to Jeffreys Bay or the Gamtoos Valley. Lunch to be enjoyed at a restaurant of your choice.

Dinner, bed & breakfast: Cape St Francis Resort

DAY 8

Scenic day-trip into the Baviaanskloof with Baviaans Adventures or a day-trip to Kareedouw for a horse riding experience into the Tsitsikamma Mountains.

Packed lunch, dinner, bed & breakfast: Cape St Francis Resort

DAY 9

Hike via Shark Point to Port St Francis. Visit the only privately owned working harbour. Calamari Tasting. Two Harbours Walk past Bruce's Beauties and the community garden. Beer/gin tasting at St Francis Breweries.

Lunch: St Francis Breweries

Dinner, bed & breakfast: Sandals Guest House

DAY 10

Hike/cycle from Sandals via the St Francis Village to the St Francis Canals, shop at Gilly's Second Hand Shop, Shakti Shanti, Anne-Marie's Boutique, Verandah, In House, Bruce's, Toffee Clothing, Billabong, Quiksilver.

Lunch: Rambling Rose

Dinner, bed & breakfast: Brisban B&B on the Canals

DAY 11

Enjoy the St Francis Canals - swimming, sunbathing, fishing, paddling, waterskiing, kite surfing, boating, canal cruise, SUP. Transport back to Cape St Francis Resort.

Lunch at Ouaysyde

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IMONTI TOURS

Eastern Cape is the second biggest Province in South Africa where the majority of people are Xhosa speaking. Most of the land is occupied by rural villages where most of these communities still live in their mud houses. This tour is designed for guests who want to spend time with these rural communities and learn about Xhosa culture and traditions. You will enjoy traditional meals and also learn how to cook and how to make your own beads.

DAY 1

Pick up from East London and drive to Elundini Village outside Hogsback where we will check in at the village lodge. If arrived early we will go on a village walk with a village guide and enjoy local beer with the locals in a village shebeen. Dinner at the village lodge.

DAY 2

After breakfast guests will meet with their village host who will take them to her home where they will participate in bread making. After lunch we will drive to the village of Cata up in the Amatola Mountains where we will spend a night in the village. Accommodation will be at the village, homestay or village lodge.

DAY 3

After breakfast we will meet with the village guide for a village walk including a visit to a village Sangoma. The walk will end at the village Museum where you will also learn about the history of the village including forced removals that affected the village during Apartheid and how the village has taken the opportunity to develop the village into a tourist attraction.

From Cata we will drive to the village of Kwetyana where we will have lunch and spend the afternoon with the locals where guests can either play games, enjoy storytelling by the village elders and they can also learn how to make their own beads. We will spend the night in the village.

DAY 4

After breakfast we will drive to Qunu with a stop at Icamagu Institute for lunch with a lecture about African Religion and Xhosa Culture. From Icamagu we will drive to the village of Qunu, Mandela's Village. Here we will be welcomed by our hosts. We will have dinner in one home and later each guest will be taken by her host to his or her home for the night.

DAY 5

After breakfast we will drive to Nelson Mandela Museum in Mthatha. From the Museum we will drive to Coffee Bay for a night. On arrival in Coffee Bay we will check in and relax. If on a Friday we will join a village dinner and later back to the lodge.

DAY 6

After breakfast we will meet with our guide for a walk to Hole in the Wall. The rest of the day will be at leisure.

DAY 7

On this day you will enjoy breakfast before departing to the Mthatha or East London airport where the tour will end.

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KOUGA TOUR

Kouga Experience for the 4x4 and nature lover (self-drive and self-catering/camping).

DAY 1

Enter Kouga via Uitenhage on the Rocklands Road, enjoy the scenic route and make your way to Mount Ingwe for a day filled with hiking, eco 4x4 trip, bird watching, photographic opportunities with cycads and fynbos and a visit to Lukas van der Merwe's Anglo-Boer War Relic Museum. Overnight: Mount Ingwe.

DAY 2

Continue towards Patensie, and visit a few working farms (cucumber, citrus, strawberries, dragon fruit) while enjoying the many attractions of the area - Bergvenster, Phillips Tunnel, Queen Victoria's Profile, Kouga Dam. Overnight: Gonjah Chalet.

DAY 3

Drive into the Baviaanskloof Wilderness Reserve with local guide Kobus Kok from Guarri Safaris, and enjoy a picnic at Doodsklip before returning. Overnight: Bergplaas/Bruintjieskraal/Komdomo.

DAY 4

Drive towards Hankey and spend the day at Pabala Private Nature Reserve with the option to paddle on the Gamtoos River, fishing, hiking, game drive, birding. Overnight: Pabala.

It is advised to add a day or two and visit the coastal towns of St Francis Bay, Jeffreys Bay or Oyster Bay.

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5 DAY CENTRAL WILD COAST EXPLORER

DAY 1 PORT ELIZABETH TO CHINTSA

The first stop on our adventure is the coastal village of Chintsa. This piece of paradise lies at the start of the wild coast at the mouth of the Cintsu River. Our overnight location is located on a hill that overlooks a stunning lagoon that meanders into the sea. On arrival, spend some time exploring the gorgeous beach, right on our doorstep or just relax and take it easy.

DAY 2 CHINTSA TO LUBANZI VILLAGE

After an optional activity, we depart from Chintsa to Lubanzi Village. Lubanzi is a remote Xhosa village. This is where the sea and the sky meet, where the sun kisses the waves and the rhythm of life is still pure and undisturbed. On arrival, the rest of the afternoon is all yours to explore this paradise.

DAY 3 LUBANZI VILLAGE TO COFFEE BAY

Spend the morning hiking to "Hole in the Wall", a nearby attraction in the area with amazing views of the coastline. Continue hiking towards Coffee Bay. Settled into in your accommodation and then be greeted with a warm welcome from the locals. Enjoy typical South African cuisine followed by drinks around a fire.

DAY 4 COFFEE BAY TO MDUMBI

After breakfast we head out early for a hike to Mdumbi, through the villages and parallel to the coastline. Take photos of the

secluded 'Mapuzi' beach and enjoy getting your feet wet in the crystal clear river, follow your guide towards the Mapuzi cliffs where you will experience a natural Jacuzzi hidden within the caverns. Go cliff jumping or simply chill out. After trekking a little further we will reach our next destination - Mdumbi. Sporting a pristine beach, you can cool off in the Indian Ocean, sunbathe, go for a surf lesson or chill-out.

DAY 5 MDUMBI TO PORT ELIZABETH

Today starts with some paddling as we explore the Mdumbi river with some exceptional bird viewing on offer. Afterwards we depart for Port Elizabeth. We will arrive in the late afternoon.

Tour includes:

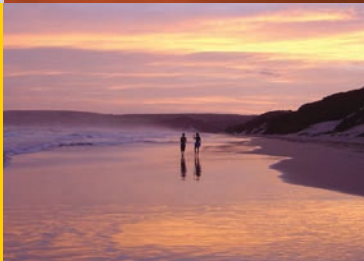
- All ground transportation with an experienced guide/driver
- 4 Nights accommodation,
- Guided hike from Lubanzi to Coffee Bay (Inc. Hole in the wall)
- Guided hike from Coffee Bay to Mdumbi.
- Kayaking on the Mdumbi River

Meals included:

- 4 Breakfasts & 4 dinners

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SAFETY IN THE EC

As with all urban centres, petty crime can occur in the Eastern Cape, so residents and visitors are urged to be vigilant and always use common sense when out and about.

Safety precautions you may want to consider include:

- Always keep a copy of your identity document and passport on you.
- Use accredited booking agents and choose accommodation that has been graded or endorsed by a local tourism authority. When in doubt check with the ECPTA.
- Avoid carrying large sums of cash and try not to have expensive jewellery and cameras in plain sight.
- Do not leave belongings unattended.
- Keep your money in a money belt under your clothing.
- Do not venture into any unknown areas alone.
- Heed advice from your hosts on places to avoid after dark.
- Be aware of suspicious looking characters.
- Do not let strangers assist you at ATMs and be alert.
- Always let somebody know where you are going, how long you will be gone for and don't forget your face mask.
- Street children and beggars may approach you. Please give food instead of money.
- Always ask for the identity of safety officials. You have the right to ask officers to identify themselves.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE BRIGADE

Port Elizabeth	041 585 1555
East London	043 705 9000
Mthatha	047 501 4182
Komani	045 839 2233
Port Alfred	046 624 1140

SEA RESCUE

Port Elizabeth	082 990 0828
East London	082 990 5972
Port Alfred	082 990 5971
Jeffrey's Bay	079 916 0390
Port St Johns	082 550 5430

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

ER24 EMS	084 124
Netscare 911	082 911
Municipal Ambulance	10177

POLICE STATIONS

Port Elizabeth	041 394 6000
East London	043 707 0687/2
Port Alfred	046 624 1583
Komani	045 808 6030
Mthatha	047 501 1010/1000
Stutterheim	043 683 1996/2828
Makhanda	046 603 9152/9111

HOSPITALS

Port Elizabeth Provincial Hospital	041 392 3911
Netscare Greenacres Port Elizabeth	041 390 7000
Life St Georges Port Elizabeth	041 392 6111
Frere Hospital East London	043 709 1111
Life St Dominics East London	043 707 9000
Life Beacon Bay East London	03 711 5100
Port Alfred Hospital	046 604 4000
Life Queenstown Private Hospital	045 838 4110
Mthatha General Hospital	047 502 4432/3
Stutterheim Provincial Hospital	043 683 1313

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BLUE FLAG BEACHES

THE EASTERN CAPE IS INCREDIBLY PROUD TO HAVE BEEN AWARDED TWO BLUE FLAG MARINA SITES IN ST FRANCIS BAY AND IN PORT ALFRED. ADDITIONALLY, THE PROVINCE HAS RETAINED SEVEN BLUE FLAG BEACHES.

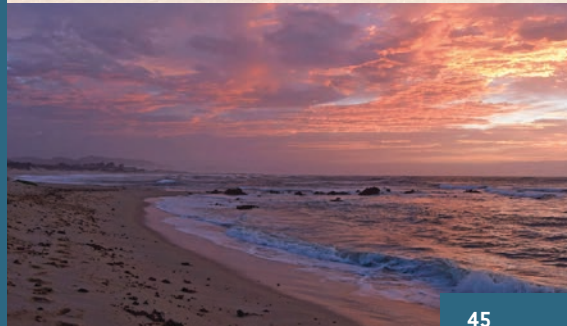
BLUE FLAGS WILL BE FLOWN AT:

- KARIEGA BEACH
(Kenton-on-Sea)
- HOBIE BEACH
(Nelson Mandela Bay)
- HUMEWOOD BEACH
(Nelson Mandela Bay)
- KINGS BEACH
(Nelson Mandela Bay)
- DOLPHIN BEACH
(Jeffreys Bay)
- MARINA MARTINIQUE BEACH
(Jeffreys Bay)
- CAPE ST FRANCIS
(Kouga)
- KELLY'S BEACH
(Port Alfred)
- HAMBURG BEACH
(Between Port Alfred and East London)

This is a respected eco-label for beaches, boats and marinas that is internationally recognised as a sign of quality and is regarded by the World Tourism Organisation as the most well-known global eco-label. It is an authenticated depiction that these beaches have met stringent criteria relating to environmental, safety and educational criteria.

Blue Flag Beaches are all about sustainable tourism, by not only promoting the beauty that the Eastern Cape coastline has to offer but enjoying them responsibly.

JUST ONE MORE REASON TO ENJOY THE EASTERN CAPE!



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THE EASTERN CAPE IS FAST BECOMING THE MUST-VISIT DESTINATION OF SOUTH AFRICA. WITH ITS MANY RICH EXPERIENCES, AUTHENTIC CULTURE, EXTREME LANDSCAPES, MAGNIFICENT COASTLINE AND ABUNDANT WILDLIFE, THERE IS SO MUCH TO EXPLORE!

Here is the ultimate Eastern Cape bucket list! How many can you already tick off?

- The Tsitsikamma rainforest region, with the **Tsitsikamma National Park**, is a must-visit. The forest has some of South Africa's largest trees; the rock pools are teeming with marine life; and there's a swing-bridge over the Storms River mouth. The area is a hub for activity seekers with treetop ziplining, canoeing and black water tubing.
- The **Addo Elephant National Park**, considered one of the best nature reserves in southern Africa, offers self-drive and guided game drives to view the Big 7 (leopard, lion, rhino, buffalo, elephant, southern right whales and great white sharks).
- Walk with Goats on the **Wartrail** in the **Eastern Cape Highlands**.
- Surfers flock to Jeffrey's Bay and nearby Cape St Francis to ride the **supertubes**.
- Visit the **Hole in the Wall** - a large hole at the centre of cliffs, punched out by gradual wave motion, offshore at Coffee Bay on the Wild Coast. It's an iconic landmark.
- Hike the Amatola Mountains. The challenging 6-day **Amatola Hiking Trail** is a spectacular 106km, six-day/five-night serious hiker's dream. It is also known as the Waterfall Trail, due to the incredible waterfalls along the way.
- The picturesque town of Graaff-Reinet in the Great Karoo, first established in 1786, has 220 national monuments best explored on foot. It's the gateway to the **Valley of Desolation - Camdeboo National Park**, a basin filled with incredible dolerite pillars, some as much as 120 metres high!
- Visit the fascinating **Owl House** near Nieu-Bethesda to view the incredible world-renowned artwork of Helen Martin, a solitary artist known as South Africa's queen of outsider art, and learn about her tragic story.
- Watch the annual **Sardine Run** on the Eastern Cape Coastline - a unique phenomenon for all lovers of ocean life. As millions of sardines swim up the Eastern Coast, a feeding frenzy occurs - creating a diverse assembly of sharks, marine mammals, birds and humans all captivated by this spectacle.
- Immerse yourself in a historical experience by taking a walk down **Route 67** in Nelson Mandela Bay. The walking route includes 67 public art pieces by 67 different local artists in a total of 67 giant steps. This creative expedition is a way to celebrate Nelson Mandela's life and his contribution to freedom in South Africa.
- Strap on your boots and hike the **Camino Route** - a challenging yet rewarding 95km hiking trail traversing the North Eastern Cape Highlands. The area is teeming with unique wildlife and gives hikers the chance to discover 7 of South Africa's 9 biomes.



- Submerge yourself in the incredible surroundings of the Kouga Region - an area so rich in bio-diversity that it was declared a World Heritage Site. The invigorating fresh air, beautiful scenery, idyllic atmosphere and an abundance of wildlife is sure to offer you an unforgettable wilderness experience in the **Baviaanskloof World Heritage Site**.
- Explore the beauty of the **Mountain Zebra National Park** - a sanctuary for the endangered mountain zebra since 1937. Roughly 12 km from Cradock, this region is home to more than 350 zebras. All welcoming visitors with an authentic African charm.
- Come to St Francis to enjoy the **Chokka Trail**, while simultaneously challenging yourself with walks of up to 18km a day. While you enjoy the hike, your luggage gets transported to the next overnight point where a cold beer, hot shower and cooked dinner all welcome you to relax after a long day.
- Exhilarate yourself with a **tandem skydive** in Jeffreys Bay - the ultimate introduction to one of the world's most rewarding extreme sports. Unleash your inner super hero and enjoy an experience that will stay with you forever!
- Think you're a daredevil? We challenge you to try the highest commercial **bungy jump** in the world! The Bloukrans Bridge is 216 metres above the Bloukrans River and is open 365 days of the year.
- Experience the sights and sounds of life in a traditional South African township in Nelson Mandela Bay and Buffalo City. Tag along on a **Township Tour** to submerge yourself within an authentic fusion of urban and township culture – taste the local food, experience the vibrant atmosphere, and of course, enjoy some great company!
- Visit the **Nelson Mandela Museum** - a place promising to inspire and enrich all who visit. The museum comprises of three separate structures: the Bhunga Building in Mthatha, the Qunu component and an open-air museum at Mvezo, where Madiba was born.
- Take a mouth-watering adventure through the **Karoo Heartland** - the heart and soul of delectable dishes. Discover the Karoo's picturesque landscapes, together with tasting the local cuisine on the Karoo Food tours.
- Make your way to magical **Magwa Falls** - one of the few accessible waterfalls on the rugged Wild Coast. This waterfall is one of the most spectacular natural features you can encounter in South Africa, and because photos don't do it justice - this is a must on your bucket list!

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NATURE RESERVES



BAVIAANSKLOOF (WORLD HERITAGE SITE)

A UNESCO World Heritage Site as well as a Cape Floristic Region protected area, Baviaanskloof (Valley of the Baboons) is a magnificent mountain kingdom spanning 2 040km.

In addition to the scenic splendour of the region, Baviaanskloof is fast gaining recognition as one of South Africa's premier adventure destinations. Traversing this reserve by 4x4 or on mountain bike up rugged mountain passes, through rivers and across the plateau, is an unforgettable true wilderness experience.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Komdomo Office: 087 286 6494
Senior Reserve Manager: 079 496 7978

OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 08h00 - 16h30
Weekends: 08h00 - 16h00

GATE TIMES

Summer: 06h00 - 16h00
Winter: 07h00 - 16h00

GREAT FISH RIVER

The Great Fish River has a rich and varied history, forming a boundary between settler and Xhosa territories in the 19th century.

Memories of turmoil have been replaced by tranquillity in this vast and spectacular reserve that stretches as far as the eye can see. It is known to have significant plant biodiversity and is a birder's paradise with 245 bird sightings.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Main Office (Senior Reserve Manager): 087 286 6545 | 079 496 7883 | 071 442 0776
Conservation Manager: 066 484 8364

OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 08h00 - 16h30
Weekends: 08h00 - 16h00

GATE TIMES

05h00 - 17h00 (Overnight visitors to make arrangements with reserve management for late entry)



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GROENDAL

Although it is situated just 50km from central Port Elizabeth, it is characterised by unspoiled landscape including deep kloofs, gushing streams, ravines and crystal-clear pools.

Groendal is important to our cultural heritage, as the protected San rock-art in the area provides an invaluable record of the earliest inhabitants of this region. Groendal is one of the most popular hiking destinations in the Nelson Mandela Bay area and the predominantly fynbos vegetation is home to a diverse range of bird and animal species.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Groendal Office: 087 086 2499
Reserve Manager: 071 609 1383
Section Ranger (alternative): 073 378 4324

OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 08h00 - 16h30
Weekends: 08h00 - 16h00 (public holidays)

GATE TIMES

07h30 - 21h00

ONGELUKSNEK

The Ongeluksnek area was so named in about 1860 after one of the trekkers in the Griqua trek to 'Nomansland' died from a gunshot wound.

The reserve forms part of the Maloti Drakensberg Transfrontier Park (MDTP) and is renowned for its natural beauty, verdant wetlands and perilous mountain pass. This reserve is a hiker's paradise – with trails to suit all levels of competence. There are a number of marked trails, ranging from 1km to 12km in distance, as well as longer trails that require a good contour map and experienced mountaineers.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve Manager: 079 496 7954
Hospitality Supervisor: 082 056 1500
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ISLAND

480ha of indigenous Alexandria coastal forest, where ancient Outeniqua yellowwoods, hard pear trees and white milkwoods create a wonderful 'enchanted wood'.

The central part of the reserve is a popular picnic site, with spacious braai facilities, wooden tables and seating. Expect to rub shoulders with a sizeable population of vervet monkeys, who share their lush surroundings with bushbuck, bush pigs and numerous colourful bird species.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Island Nature Reserve: 087 086 2498
Reserve Manager: 071 609 1383

GATE TIMES

Mon - Thurs: 08h00 - 16h30
Fri - Sun: 08h00 - 16h00

THOMAS BAINES

Thomas Baines Nature Reserve is an ideal destination for those wanting to explore the rich historical, cultural and geological history of South Africa's famed Frontier Country.

The 1 000ha reserve teems with birdlife, and the 15kms of dirt tracks make for excellent game drives, nature walks and mountain biking. Scenic but basic, non-powered campsites on the banks of Settlers Dam offer a rustic charm, in close proximity to excellent fishing, sailing and hiking sites.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve Manager: 079 496 7979
Section Ranger: 079 423 3492
Office: 087 285 7399 / 7398 / 7397

GATE TIMES

06h00 - 18h00 (Mar-Oct)
06h00 - 19h00 (Nov-Feb)

OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 08h00 - 16h30



DOUBLE MOUTH & CAPE MORGAN CONFERENCE CENTRE

Double Mouth Nature Reserve is one of the Eastern Cape's premier coastal camping destinations.

Thirty beautiful camp and caravan sites enjoy spectacular sea views and easy access to both the beach and the Quko River Mouth, making this the ideal camp for fishing and water sport enthusiasts. The Cape Morgan Conference Centre is a multi-purpose conference venue with state-of-the-art conferencing facilities and catering services.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve Manager: 071 476 4418 | 087 286 6519
Double Mouth: 087 285 7385
Cape Morgan: 043 841 1188

COMMANDO DRIFT

The central feature of the Commando Drift Nature Reserve is the Commando Drift Dam - providing an abundance of wildlife, including the endangered mountain zebra.

Among the most striking features of the reserve is a series of spectacular dolerite and sandstone cliffs, as well as numerous popular hiking and off-road trails.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

TEL: 087 286 6404

OFFICE HOURS

08h00 - 16h30

GATE TIMES

Summer: 06h00 - 19h00

Winter: 07h00 - 18h00

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MPOFU - FORT FORDYCE

The reserve is situated 25km northwest of Fort Beaufort, on the escarpment and lower valleys of the Amathole catchment, with magnificent views of the Katberg and Amathole Mountains.

The reserve is of great cultural and historical significance, with incredible San rock-art and sites of the 8th Frontier War. The indigenous forest hosts amongst the most diverse and richest species in southern Africa and the reserve serves as an excellent birding, bass fishing and rock climbing destination.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve Office: 087 086 2500 | 087 286 6500
Reserve Manager: 079 496 7818 | 073 950 1155

OFFICE HOURS

08h00 - 16h30

GATE TIMES

24 hours

TSOLWANA

Tsolwana is situated on the northern slopes of the commanding Winterberg mountain.

The landscape is strikingly beautiful. Tsolwana, the Xhosa word for spike, refers to a conical shaped hill within the reserve. Game viewing and birding are major attractions at Tsolwana. The climate can be extreme, with greatly varying temperatures and unpredictable heavy summer rainstorms with hail. In winter, snow falls frequently - so be prepared!

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve: 087 285 7400

OFFICE HOURS

08h00 - 16h30

GATE TIMES

08h00 - 18h00



OVISTON

Oviston is a secluded, peaceful reserve situated on the southern shores of the Gariep Dam.

The Karoo climate is characterised by blazing hot days, followed by cool evenings and extraordinary sunsets. The Gariep Dam is perfect for watersports, boating and swimming and is an excellent fishing destination. The highlight of a day at the reserve is a sunset cruise on the peaceful dam.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Office: 087 285 7390

Reserve Manager: 066 484 8364

Fax: 087 287 9293

DWESA – CWEBE

The Dwesa and Cwebé Nature Reserves are situated in one of the Eastern Cape's most unspoilt coastal conservation areas.

Birdlife at these reserves is truly incredible. Situated on the edge of a tranquil lagoon, seven exquisite timber chalets are hidden deep in the trees. A short walk through the dune forest reveals a perfect, unspoiled shelly beach with fascinating rock pools.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Admin Office: 087 286 6536

Reserve Manager: 079 496 7923 | 087 286 6535

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HLULEKA

Hluleka is a 772ha coastal paradise.

From the top of the grassy hill at the entrance to Hluleka, an incredible panoramic view along the coastline sets the scene for a perfect getaway with coves, white sandy beaches lined with palms, and magnificent indigenous coastal forest. Hluleka is an excellent birding destination and sightings of dolphins and whales add to the joy of the wildlife wonder that Hluleka offers.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve: 087 285 7784

Reserve Manager: 079 4933 566

Admin Clerk: 082 056 2637

Hospitality Supervisor: 078 541 1676

LUCHABA

The charming 460ha Luchaba Nature Reserve is made up of a series of wetlands and grasslands and is home to a variety of wildlife.

The landscape is made up of dolerite dykes, rocky outcrops, shale and sandstone, as well as regions of highland sourveld. Two conference halls make up a beautiful conference centre for 150 guests. The restaurant, catering for 136 guests, looks out over the dam. A marquee is also available for 600 guests.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Luchaba Nature Reserve:

087 286 6527 | 082 304 4228

Email: nobusika.makeleni@ecpta.co.za

GATE TIMES

06h00 - 22h00



MKHAMBATHI

The reserve is situated on the coast of northeastern Pondoland, between Port Edward and Port St Johns.

The Mkhambathi River makes its way through the reserve, over a series of cliffs forming breathtaking waterfalls and a series of pools. Mkhambathi has a diverse natural habitat – ranging from grasslands and wetlands, dune forests and swamps to indigenous forests. It is an International Bird Area and also offers great game viewing opportunities.

RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve Office: 063 698 1556 | 087 285 7752

Reserve Manager: 063 698 1558

Hospitality Supervisor: 079 496 7824

SILAKA

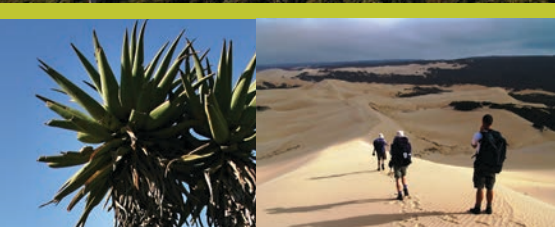
Silaka is an idyllic coastal reserve, seven kilometres south of Port St Johns.

The pristine beach is perfect for fishing and swimming. Hiking trails lead up onto the bluff, affording incredible views of the coastline. The Gxwaleni River flows through the valley, trickling through a wetland and forming a small lagoon before entering the sea. Silaka is an excellent birding destination and a haven for many species of wildlife.





RESERVE CONTACT DETAILS

Reserve Office: 087 286 6526

Reserve Manager: 071 607 6690



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