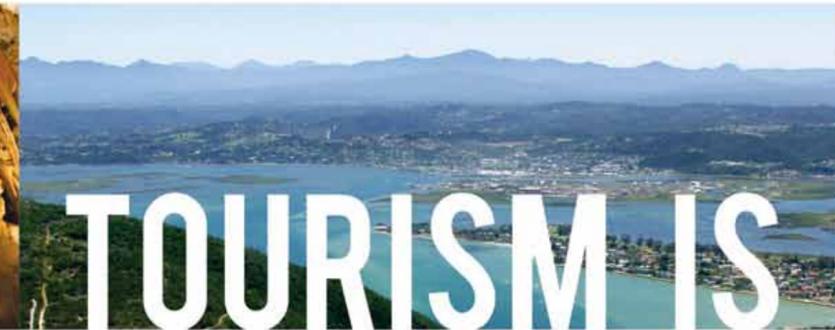
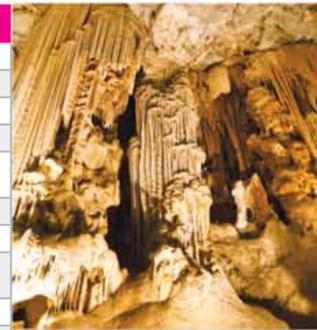


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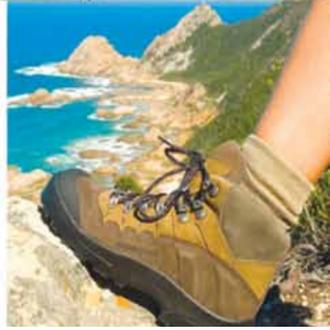


EVENT	DATE	TOWN	CONTACT PERSON
<b>Plett Art Festival</b>	11 - 13 December 2015	Plettenberg Bay	Stephen • 044 532 7950
<b>Draadkarretjie Festival</b>	12 December 2015	Barn 62, Calitzdorp	Alistair • 081 811 9753
<b>Ernie Els Invitational Fundraiser</b>	15 - 18 December 2015	Fancourt, George	Annie • 044 870 0973 • annie.law@iafrica.com
<b>Knysna Marathon Club Nite Race</b>	16 December 2015	Marathon clubhouse, Knysna	083 502 7935 • gavbez@gmail.co.za
<b>Eden Street Mile Series</b>	16, 19, 23 December 2015	Oudtshoorn, George, Hartenbos	Hans • 083 462 0477 • hans@grandstreetstudios.co.za • www.edenmiles.co.za
<b>The Color Run 2015</b>	19 December 2015	Santo Beach, Mossel Bay	hello@thecolorrun.co.za • www.thecolorrun.co.za
<b>Sabrina Love Ocean Challenge 2015</b>	21 - 23 December 2015	The Crags, Plettenberg Bay	Matty • 044 382 2932 • matty@magneticsouth.net • www.magneticsouth.net
<b>Mossel Bay Nite Race Fun Run and 10km</b>	23 December 2015	Correctional Services, Mossel Bay	Jacob • 073 081 7484 • harriersmbay@gmail.com • www.enteronline.co.za
<b>Stilbaai Touchies</b>	26 December 2015	Stilbaai	Grahame • 021 439 8646 • info@touchrugby.co.za
<b>Hot Summer of Touch - Touchies Rugby</b>	29 December 2015	Diaz Beach, Mossel Bay	Grahame • 021 439 8646 • info@touchrugby.co.za
<b>The Color Run 2015</b>	30 December 2015	Central Beach, Plettenberg Bay	hello@thecolorrun.co.za • www.thecolorrun.co.za
<b>Fairview Attakwas Extreme MTB Challenge</b>	16 January 2016	Oudtshoorn - Great Brak	Dryland Event Management • 044 279 1013 • info@dryland.co.za
<b>SWD Cricket vs Border 3 day and 1 day</b>	21 - 24 January 2016	Oudtshoorn	Albertus • Tel: 044 272 6604 • albertusk@swdcricket.co.za • www.swdcricket.co.za
<b>Dias Festival 2016</b>	3 - 7 February 2016	Mossel Bay	044 606 5003 • admin@mosselbayevents.co.za • www.diasfees.co.za
<b>George Hops Festival</b>	6 February 2016	George	044 874 5205
<b>SWD Cricket vs Gauteng 3 day and T20</b>	11 - 14 February 2016	Oudtshoorn	Albertus • 044 272 6604 • albertusk@swdcricket.co.za • www.swdcricket.co.za
<b>Riversdale Landbouskou</b>	17 - 20 February 2016	Riversdale	Betsie • 072 015 9671
<b>Garden Route 300 MTB</b>	26 - 29 February 2016	Knysna	Patric • 078 460 3383 • pax@gardenrouteevents.co.za
<b>Knysna Celtic Festival</b>	27 February 2016	Knysna	Steve • 071 112 9010
<b>Grape Stamping</b>	27 February 2016	Calitzdorp	Zelma • 082 576 5855 • strooikooi@gmail.com
<b>Pre Argus 5 Day Cycling Tour</b>	29 February - 7 March 2016	Oudtshoorn via Franschhoek	Liz • liz@escapecycletours.com
<b>Golden Oldies Cricket Festival</b>	3 - 5 March 2016	Knysna	Robyn • 072 549 1206 • info@sportatbackwardpoint.co.za
<b>Buffalo Rally 2016</b>	17 - 20 March 2016	De Bakke Beach, Mossel Bay	Luderick • 082 559 7729 • nomadsmcc@mweb.co.za • www.nomads.org.za
<b>KKNK</b>	24 - 30 March 2016	Oudtshoorn	Daleen • 044 203 8600 • info@kknk.co.za
<b>Zoar Oesfees</b>	24 - 28 March 2016	Zoar	Erina • 044 213 3775
<b>Pink Loerie</b>	27 April - 1 May 2016	Knysna	www.pinkloerie.co.za
<b>Seven Passes MTB</b>	26 - 27 April 2016	Knysna - George	Patric • 078 460 3383 • pax@gardenrouteevents.co.za
<b>Albertinia Aloe Festival 2016</b>	29 April - 01 May 2016	Albertinia	Jeff • 082 469 7106 • jeff@jlcms.co.za
<b>Meiringspoort Trail run</b>	14 May 2016	Meiringspoort	Pieter • 082 377 0547 • meiringspoorttrailrun@gmail.com
<b>Calitzdorp Winter Festival</b>	17 - 18 June 2016	Calitzdorp	Erina • 044 213 3775
<b>Oyster Festival</b>	1 - 10 July 2016	Knysna	044 382 5510
<b>Klein Karoo Klassique</b>	11 - 14 August 2016	Oudtshoorn	044 203 8600 • info@kunste.org.za • www.klassique.co.za
<b>Kannaland Big Walk</b>	17 September 2016	Ladismith to Calitzdorp	Erina • 044 213 3775
<b>Meiringspoort Marathon</b>	15 October 2016	De Rust, Meiringspoort	076 130 7920 • info@meiringspoort21.co.za • www.meiringspoort21.co.za
<b>Cape Pioneer Trek</b>	October 2016	Calitzdorp	Dryland Event Management • 044 279 1013
<b>Fairview Dryland Traverse</b>	November 2016	Oudtshoorn	Dryland Event Management • 044 279 1013



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GARDEN ROUTE & KLEIN KAROO  
*diversity*



**Welcome to the Garden Route and Klein Karoo, one of the most beautiful, awe-inspiring stretches of land in South Africa and the world. The Garden Route & Klein Karoo stretches from Witsand to Plettenberg Bay, right around to Uniondale, Oudtshoorn, Calitzdorp and Ladismith on the R62.**

The incredible contrast between the Western Cape's verdant Garden Route and the adjoining desiccated Klein Karoo reflects the influence of South Africa's topography and climate on its vegetation.

A semi-Mediterranean climate makes the region's indoor and outdoor attractions accessible all year round. Whether you visit beaches, lagoons, mountains, valleys, or forests, you will find the climate generally pleasant and welcoming.

Here you have a myriad of treasures to see, from our modern and ancient history, to our rich culture, surrounded by majestic mountains and breathtaking views, natural gardens of rich, colourful vistas, valleys and lakes, rivers and forests. This paradise is a paradise for bird- and nature lovers; eco-friendly like few others in the world, with miles upon miles of beautiful, white sandy beaches and a million things to do and explore.

A number of game reserves along the Garden Route and Klein Karoo. Other interesting activities involving animals include the feeding of tame eels, stroking a cheetah, riding an ostrich and meerkat tours.

Garden Route & Klein Karoo towns beckon their worldwide audience to sample the simple yet intoxicating, inviting - yet thrilling beauty and encounters that are intertwined with the myriad of attractions inherent in its people, indigenous environment and culinary delights.

## BROWSE THROUGH AN OVERVIEW OF THINGS TO DO IN THE GARDEN ROUTE & KLEIN KAROO

### CAPE ROUTE 62 KANNALAND: CALITZDORP



Begin your evening with sundowners on one of our typical Karoo stoep restaurants, followed by dinner and end off by enjoying a walk under our clear, unpolluted night skies which offer fantastic stargazing evenings.

#### Groenfontein-Kruisrivier Circular Route

Groenfontein is also situated more or less in the middle of a new conservation area which aims to co-ordinate the protection of three international, biodiversity hotspots that overlap in this region. Your day begins with a scenic drive through the Groenfontein valley, a beautiful 53km scenic drive.

#### Calitzdorp Spa and Gamkaberg Nature Reserve

Explore the Gamkaberg Nature Reserve, famed for the Mountain Zebra and the newly discovered Golden Protea. Get your brochure at reception and see the famed succulents of the region. There are two 4 x 4 routes in the Gamkaberg Conservation Area. Relax in the Roman bath of Calitzdorp Spa where the water temperature is always around the 30°C, or in their warm outdoor pool or in one of our two round cold-water swimming pools after a game of tennis.

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- Visit Calitzdorp Museum and understand the history of Calitzdorp. Collect your free "Calitzdorp on foot" brochure at the Tourism Office, stroll through the village centre, soak up the Old World atmosphere and enjoy the variety of styles, Georgian, Victorian, Karoo and other successful amalgamations.
- Explore the shops in town and have a bite to eat at one of our famous restaurants. De Krans and Calitzdorp Wine Cellars now also have restaurants.
- Calitzdorp is a paradise for painters and photographers. Visit our fine artists and Craftsmen to see the inspiration.

### CAPE ROUTE 62 OUDTSHOORN



Take a short hike to the Meiringspoort waterfall and enjoy the awesome formations of the rocks in the 'poort'. Browse the interesting stores in De Rust and return to Oudtshoorn via the N12.

#### For sheer thrills, experience the wildlife!

- Visit the Cango Wildlife Ranch to view crocodiles, snakes, Bengal Tigers, Cheetahs, Pygmy Hippo and various other bird species. You can even experience crocodiles up close and personal when you enter the Cango Wildlife waters in a safe cage.
- Buffelsdrift Game Lodge is a unique 4 star lodge that offers a unique bushveld experience. Experience an array of wildlife including Elephants, Rhino, Cape Buffalo, Giraffe, Hippo and over 200 bird species.

#### Circle Route - Swartberg Mountain & Meiringspoort

- Depart Oudtshoorn and travel along the R328 towards the Cango Caves.
- Visit an Ostrich Show Farm.
- Make your way directly up the majestic Swartberg Pass towards Prince Albert.
- Stop as many times as you like along the way and drink from the clear mountain streams.
- Enjoy lunch in the historical Victorian village of Prince Albert, before returning along the R407 via Klaarstroom.



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### N2 PLETTENBERG BAY



The jewel of the Garden Route, tranquil and charming, hospitable and rather special. Originally christened "Bahia Formosa" (beautiful bay) by early Portuguese explorers, Plettenberg Bay offers the visitor miles of sweeping, unspoiled golden beaches, a dramatic rocky peninsula, intriguing lagoons and estuaries, towering indigenous forests and unpolluted rivers and sea. **The area includes towns such as: Plettenberg Bay, The Crags, Tsitsikamma and Storms River.**

#### The Plett Wine & Bubbly Route

- The Plett Wine & Bubbly Route a unique, wine and bubbly centered experience stretching from Harkerville to The Crags.
- There are 16 wine estates; Bramon Estates produce some 80 000 bottles per annum and assist other estates with producing 100 000 bottles per annum.
- Most of the estates produce Sauvignon Blanc and Bubbly - the quality is considered to be on par with the produce in New Zealand's world

renowned Marlborough estates. Wine tasting can be done at most of the estates. You can ride horses or hike between some estates - Bramon, Newstead Estates and Anderson Wines.

#### Plett Birding Route

- One of the region's greatest assets is the diversity of bird species found here. It hosts a range of often sought-after endemic bird species. In fact, 50% of the endemic bird species found in South Africa, can be seen in Plettenberg Bay.
- Many exciting birding opportunities exist: Forest birding at Nature's Valley, the Kelp Gull breeding colony at Keurbooms Beach, the migratory waders on the Bitou River floodplain and the seabirds along the Keurbooms estuary; all present excellent birding opportunities.

#### Robberg Beach walks

- Popular for long - long - walks, Robberg Beach stretches for kilometres between the Robberg Peninsula and Beacon Island.



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### N2 KNYSNA



The beautiful town of Knysna forms part of the 157 000 hectares proclaimed Garden Route National Park. Knysna is nestled between the shores of the pristine Knysna estuary, Indian Ocean and thousands of hectares of beautiful indigenous forest. **The area consists of: Knysna, Sedgfield, Brenton, Noetzie, Rhenendal, Belvidere and Buffelsbaai.**

#### Knysna & Greater-Knysna

- Visit the Featherbed Nature Reserve
- Knysna's Timber routes
- Craft Beer Knysna's own breweries
- Learn to Kite surf, Stand Up Paddle, Surf and Sea Kayak with Trip-Out & Tony Cook Adventures
- Whale & Dolphin watching (www.ocean-odyssey.co.za)

#### South-West of Knysna

A drive out of town, right after the White Bridge will take you up the phantom pass road and onto the Rhenendal Road.

- The Rhenendal Ramble, www.rhenendalramble.co.za
- Leeuwenbosch farm stall & coffee shop
- Paragliding, drive along towards Karatara (along the 7 passes road)
- Beautiful Homtini Pass

#### Barrington Road

- Historic farmland
- Garden Route trail park  
www.gardenroutetrailpark.com

#### Buffelsbaai

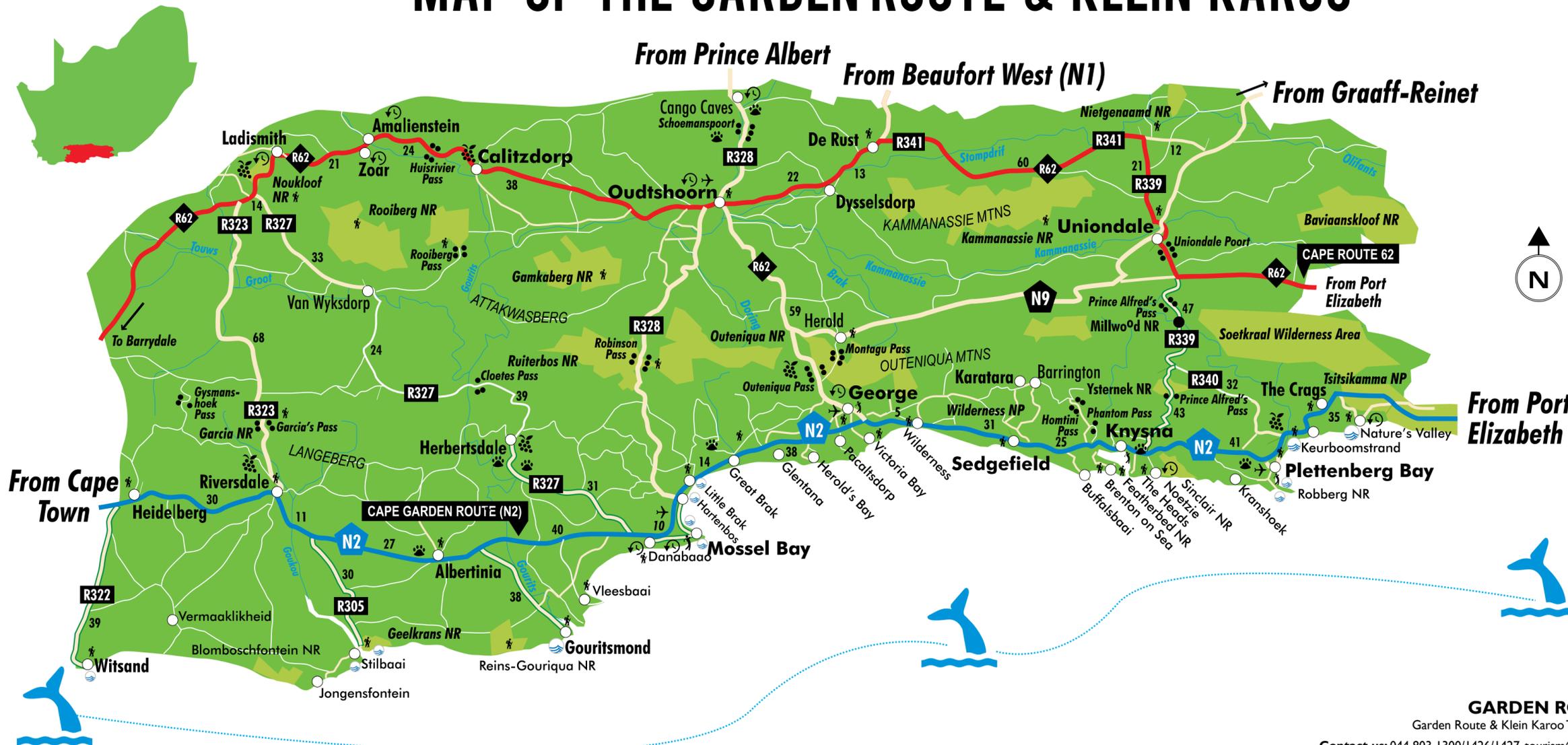
- Blackwaters Mashie Golf Course
- Stand-up paddling
- Restaurant
- Child-friendly environment

#### Sedgfield

- Sedgfield is Africa's first registered Citaslow town. The town is surrounded by coastal fynbos, magnificent lake-system and indigenous forests.
- Slow Food Route
- Paragliding
- Saturday Markets that offer organic produce
- Five pristine beaches: Myoli; Gerickes; Swartvlei Mouth; Cola and Platbank

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# MAP OF THE GARDEN ROUTE & KLEIN KAROO



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Oudtshoorn	044 272 7752/083 754 1214
Ladismith	028 551 2169/073 298 8105
Calitzdorp	044 272 7752/083 754 1214
Knysna	044 382 5613/083 459 9806
Mossel Bay	044 691 2011/073 423 8258
Riversdale	028 713 2313/082 441 7967
Swellendam	028 514 1219
George	044 802 2500/084 388 3473
ER24	080 022 5599
SAPS	10111

## FIRE SERVICES

Bitou/Plett	044 501 3066
George	044 801 6300
Hessequa	028 713 8073
Kannaland	028 551 1023
Knysna	044 302 6348
Mossel Bay	044 606 5031/2
Oudtshoorn	044 272 2221

- N2
- R62
- Airport
- National Reserve
- Wine Route
- Wildlife
- Adventure
- History & Culture
- Golf
- Blue Flag Beach

## GARDEN ROUTE & KLEIN KAROO TOURISM

Garden Route & Klein Karoo Tourism H/O: 54 York Street, George, Western Cape, RSA

Contact us: 044 803 1300/1426/1427, tourism@edendm.co.za, www.visitgardenrouteandkleinkaroo.com

### N2 GEORGE

**Outeniqua Power Van**

- Take a 2-3 hour trip with the Outeniqua Power Van and experience the forest, four passes, waterfalls, tunnels, fynbos, proteas, bird and animal life on rail in the Outeniqua Mountains. Panoramic picnic area where you can enjoy lunch with views over George and surroundings.

**Montagu Pass**

- Turn from the N9 towards Oudtshoorn to the Montagu Pass to visit Herold Wine.
- Your first stop on the Montagu Pass will be the Old Toll House which takes you back in time when the only transport was the ox wagon.
- Enjoy the wines of the Outeniquas at Herold Wines situated about 4 km from the Old Toll House on the Montagu Pass.

**Hiking trail routes**

- Various hiking trails in the area will take you into the indigenous forest, mountains or along the beach.
- Take the Witfontein Nature Reserve, Wilderness National Park, at Glentana Beach to the ship wreck, Leentjiesklip along the sandy beach of Wilderness or the Seven Passes Road.

**Seven Passes Road**

- The Seven Passes road is the historic road built between 1867 and 1882 under the guidance of Thomas Bain.
- Turn from the Seven Passes road towards Wilderness with Heights Road, to view "The Map of Africa" a scenic lookout point in the shape of Africa.
- Drive back onto the Seven Passes Road from where you will find the 800 year old giant of a yellowwood tree with an easy trail through indigenous forest - Scenic Drives.

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### N2 MOSSEL BAY

**Friemersheim**

Follow your nose along the Fragrance Route and take a trip down memory lane to Friemersheim, a small agricultural community about 15 km from Great Brak River.

**Explore Mossel Bay - by foot**

If history is your forte, Mossel Bay with her array of beautiful sandstone buildings will enchant you. The town is often referred to as South Africa's Stone Town at the ocean. Put on your walking shoes and discover the gems and their facts in the Old Quarter of Mossel Bay. Collect a map at the tourism info office and start your tour from here.

**Great Brak River has various short village walks**

The Short Village walks consist of 7 routes ranging from 30 minutes to 90 minutes.

- 103 Steps Walk. Start at Peperboom Restaurant in Long Street. Time: Approximately 30 – 45 minutes.
- Vleiland & Nature Walk. Begin in Long Street at the Ellen van Rensburg Library. Time: Approx 30 – 40 minutes.
- History Walk. Start at "Die Ou Pastorie Restaurant" in Long Street. Time: Approx 50 – 70 minutes.

**Vleesbaai, Boggomsbaai and Fransmanshoek here we come!**

- Fishing gear, camera and picnic basket...
- Only 34 km to the west from Mossel Bay and you can reach it by travelling on the N2 towards Cape Town and taking the R325 turn off just past the PetroSA plant.

**Brandwacht and Ruitersbos**

Find a wealth of treasures on the R328 between Mossel Bay and Oudtshoorn. Be prepared to experience the wild side of nature at Nyaru Game Lodge, adrenaline at Bonniedale Farm, tranquility at Outeniqua Moon and indulge in Leeukloof cheeses, freshly made pizzas and real English tea and scones at Eight Bells.

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### N2 HESSEQUA

fuel your journey, the company is located at the Aloe Motors in Albertinia.

- Kasselshoop Cheese is known for their traditional cheese.

**Explore more of the Explorer's Garden Route**

- Korentepoort Dam is a huge dam outside Riversdale and is popular among water-sport enthusiasts. You can enjoy activities like waterskiing, windsurfing, parasailing, canoeing and bass-fishing.
- Whale watching is BIG in Hessequa, we boast with the largest concentration of Southern Right whales between July and November, so you might be just in time to spot a few whales or even dolphins!
- The Grootvadersbosch Nature Reserve is originally known as Melkhoutskraal. This 250 hectares of indigenous forest is situated in the Langeberg region, close to Heidelberg. Contact Cape Nature for more information: +27(0)28 722 2412.
- The Sleeping Beauty Hiking Trail covers a distance of 14km from the old Toll House to the crest of the Sleeping beauty and back. You will be able to have one of the most magnificent panoramic views of the Langeberg Mountain Range.

**The area consists of the following towns: Albertinia, Gouritzmond, Riversdale, Heidelberg, Jongensfontein, Melkhoutfontein, Slangrivier, Stilbaai and Witsand.**

**Experience the Hessequa Wine and Cuisine**

- Inverroche Distillery produces a range of unique South African spirits.
- One of the most popular Biltong shops along the Garden Route, no route is complete without stocking up on biltong and boerewors at the Biltong Factory in Heidelberg!
- Roosterkoekhoeke is the perfect stop to

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### CAPE ROUTE 62 KANNALAND: LADISMITH

the mountain leave a narrow pass just broad enough for the stream to find a passage, while precipices of naked rock tower like walls on both sides. The poort is dominated on the western side by the Seweweekspoort peak, at 2352m, the highest in the Klein Swartberg as well as the Western Cape.

**Swartberg Circular Route**

Come and enjoy this eco-route on the historical pass with amazing geology, breathtaking scenery and unique flora. Visit Prince Albert, Meiringspoort. Waterfall, De Rust and return to Oudtshoorn.

**Discover Ladismith on foot**

Start at the Otto Hager Church (Tourism Bureau) in South Street for a short talk on the history of this beautiful neo-Gothic church, designed and built by the German architect Carl Otto Hager in 1874. Proceed from here (on foot or by car) through the town to view the different building styles. The town boasts with at least 6 different building style, e.g. Victorian (ranging from lavish to simple), neo-Gothic, Rural (Karoo), Cape Revival, the Ladismith style (simplified Georgian), Regency and most probably the only Lithuanian style in the country (the old synagogue).

**Seweweekspoort Heritage tour**

- Come and enjoy a guided experience in this world Heritage area with awesome geology, breathtaking scenery & multi-cultural heritage in this very special place called Seweweekspoort.
- Almost directly opposite the turn-off to Amalienstein, a 21km road heads into the Klein Swartberg to Seweweekspoort. It was used by earlier farmers to penetrate the Great Karoo. It is 17km long and very rugged, the scenery wild and frequently the slopes or spurs of

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