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*Eastern Cape*

# South Africa

- ★ National Capital
- Province Capital
- City or Town
- International Boundary
- Province Boundary\*
- Road
- River

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*The Eastern Cape was formed in 1994 out of the Xhosa homelands or bantustans of Transkei and Ciskei, together with the eastern portion of the Cape Province.*



- **Capital City:** *Bhisho*
- **Airports:** *Port Elisabeth (PLZ), East London (ELS)*
- **Best time to visit:** *A transitional climate zone that doesn't have a distinct winter or summer rainfall pattern (rain falls mainly at night). Stays fairly lush and green year round. Generally the best time to visit is from late August to early May.*
- **Food specialities:** *Umngqusho (Mieliepap mixed with sugar beans and a little animal fat or bones for flavour), Umvubo (dry pap mixed with sour milk)*
- **Language:** *isiXhosa, Afrikaans and English*

# Game Reserves



- Addo Elephant NP
- Mountain Zebra NP
- Kariega
- Lalibela
- Sibuya
- Pumba
- Kwandwe
- Shamwari
- Amakhala
- Kwantu
- Gorah Elephant Camp
- Mount Camdeboo
- Samara







- *Diverse landscape, the western interior is largely arid Karoo, while the east is well-watered and green.*
- *The Addo Elephant National Park, situated 73 kms from Port Elizabeth, is a sanctuary to 170 elephants, 400 Cape buffalo and 21 black rhino of the very scarce Kenyan sub-species.*



*Aliwal North, lying on an agricultural plateau on the southern bank of the Orange River, is one of the country's most popular inland resorts and is known for its hot springs.*



- *Jeffreys Bay is an area with some of the country's wildest coastline, backed by some of Africa's most spectacular sub-tropical rainforest. It is famous for its "super tube" waves. There is a distinctive "Surf vibe" to this coastal town.*
- *Tiffindell, SA's only Snow ski resort is situated near the hamlet of Rhodes in the Southern Drakensberg on the slopes of Ben Macdhui, the highest mountain peak in the Eastern Cape (3001 m).*



- *The National Arts Festival, held annually in Grahamstown, is Africa's largest and most colourful cultural event, offering a choice of the very best of both indigenous and imported talent. Every year for 11 days the town's population almost doubles, as over 50,000 people flock to the region for a feast of arts, crafts and sheer entertainment.*



- *The Wild Coast is a place of spectacular scenery, and a graveyard for many vessels and is also the location of the Hole in the Wall, a natural arch carved by thrashing surf.*



# Hiking Trails

## The Otter Trail



The best known and most popular of the South African hiking trails. The trail follows the coastline from Storms River Mouth to Nature's Valley in the Tsitsikamma National Park. The trail is 42,5kms long and takes 4 1/2 days to complete. It follows the rugged, rocky shoreline ranging in elevation from sea level to a height of more than 150m. Most of the trail follows cliff tops returning to sea level to cross rivers.



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## Dolphin Trail



2 days and 3 nights, hike the magnificent Tsitsikamma Coast. A partnership between SanParks and 2 hotels, The Fernery and Misty Mountain Reserve, has resulted in this hiking experience. The trail covers a distance of 17km starting in the Garden Route National Park, Tsitsikamma Section at Storms River Mouth, and winds its way east through fynbos and indigenous forest, over rocks at the waters edge and ends on the banks of the Sandrift River at The Fernery.

