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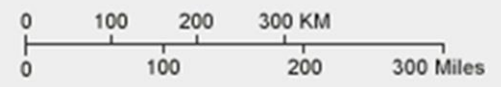
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*Western Cape*

# South Africa

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

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The Western Cape has a coastline bordering the Indian and Atlantic oceans. It's known for the port city of Cape Town, set beneath Table Mountain. Robben Island is the notorious prison that once held Nelson Mandela, and is now a living museum. Farther afield, winelands surround historical towns like Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Paarl. Along the coast towards Tsitsikamma is the green belt known as the Garden Route. It is also the place of the Southern most tip of the African Continent at L'Agulhas.



- **Capital City:** Cape Town
- **Airports:** Cape Town International Airport (CPT), George Airport (GRJ)
- **Best time to visit:** A Cape Town beach holiday is best during peak summer from **December to February**. Late **April to early June** has crisp and clear days, perfect for a hiking trip. A food and wine holiday is best from late **June to August**. The best time for a whale watching holiday is from **July to September** when migratory whales arrive along the coastline
- **Climate:** Typically Mediterranean, with warm, dry summers and mild, moist winters and low summer rainfall prevail.
- **Food specialities:** Over 50% of all cheese in South Africa is produced in the Western Cape. Fish & Chips, Gatsby, Babotie (minced beef topped with a custard of milk and eggs), Biltong and Droëwors, Braai, Milk tart, Malva pudding, Koeksisters and Koesisters. Rooibos and Roosterkoek.
- **Language:** Afrikaans, English and isiXhosa



# Garden Route



The route stretches for more than 200 kilometers from Mossel Bay in the Western Cape, to the Storms River on the Eastern Cape. The most popular towns along the route are Knysna and Plettenberg Bay, but Mossel Bay is home to a fascinating museum complex, and George is the largest town and transport hub.



# Storms River



Adventure paradise - book a canopy tour, racing through the trees suspended high above ground on the Tsitsikamma Canopy Tours, or enjoy an informative guided tour through the magnificent forests while learning about the trees in the area and the woodcutters that once worked here.

There are a number of excellent hikes and walks within the area and the rest camp located here is the official start to the well-known Otter Trail. Guests can also head out across the suspension bridge or up towards the beautiful waterfall.

The Storms River Suspension Bridge is one of the most popular attractions in Tsitsikamma National Park. The 77-meter-long bridge spans the Storms River mouth. Two smaller suspension bridges lead hikers back to the pathway for their return journey.



# Bungee Jump at Bloukran's



*Home to the highest bungee jump in the World and offers a jump of 216m.*



# Birds of Eden



Opened in 2005, Birds of Eden is located outside Plettenberg Bay and is home to over 3 000 birds from 220 different species. It is the World's first free flight bird sanctuary. Visitors can explore the forest, walk behind the waterfall and across the 128 metre bridge that hangs suspended in the clouds of spray, all the while interacting with and spotting a range of beautiful birds that are all free to fly where they please within the confines of the dome.



## Monkeyland

Located next-door to Birds of Eden, Monkeyland is the first primate sanctuary in the world where multiple species of primates are able to roam freely. An hour long guided tour will take visitors through an indigenous forest where more than 450 different primates roam. Guests can enjoy wandering through the forest while monkeys, gibbons, lemurs and others species all scurry about on the ground or swingthrough the trees above. This is a particularly popular activity for families with children.

# Knysna



The Knysna Lagoon is known for producing delicious oysters and any food lover venturing to the area must not miss the opportunity to enjoy a plateful of this delicacy. The annual Knysna Oyster Festival occurs every July and is combined with the popular Knysna Marathon and Cycle tour into a two week celebration of good food, good friends and good times. Guests to the area can enjoy a cruise out to the Knysna Heads to learn more about the lagoon and these tasty treats.



## Featherbed Nature Reserve

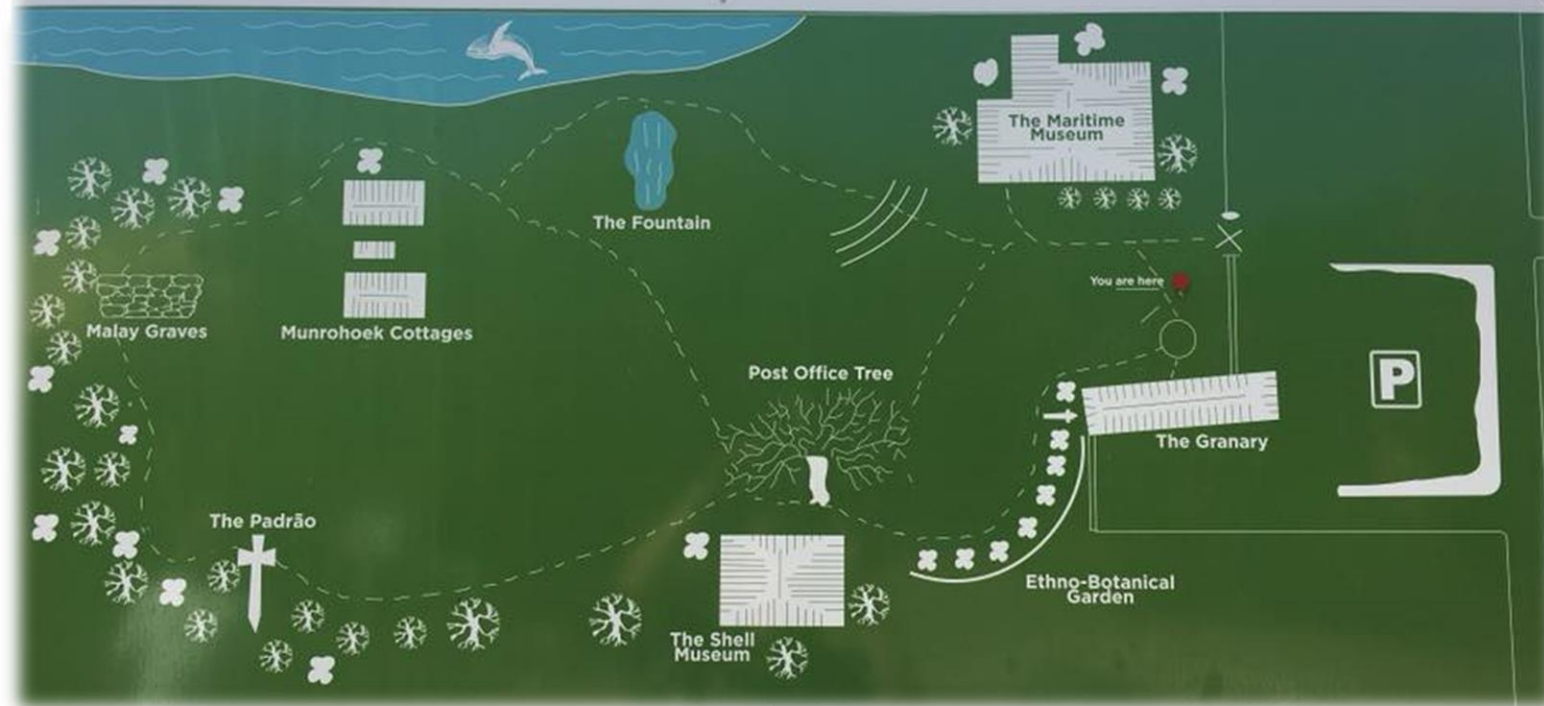
The Featherbed Nature Reserve is located on the western side of the Knysna Heads. Visitors can take a ferry boat out across the lagoon to the reserve and then enjoy a 4X4 ride up to the headland stopping along the way to take in the spectacular views. The tour ends with a delicious buffet meal at the restaurant under the Milkwood trees. This is a fantastic activity that the whole family will enjoy.

# Plettenberg Bay

The waters along the coastline of the Garden Route are known for being excellent locations for Whale and Dolphin watching. Spend some time watching the waves from land, or head out on an ocean safari where dedicated guides will accompany you out to see in search of these magnificent creatures of the sea.



## Bartolomeu Dias Museum



## Mossel Bay

Named after Bartolomeu Dias, the 15th century Portuguese explorer who sailed around the southern tip of Africa without realizing it. The museum's most popular exhibit is the life-size (104m) replica of Dias' ship, the Dias Caravel. You can board the ship and discover just how authentic a replica it is.

# George

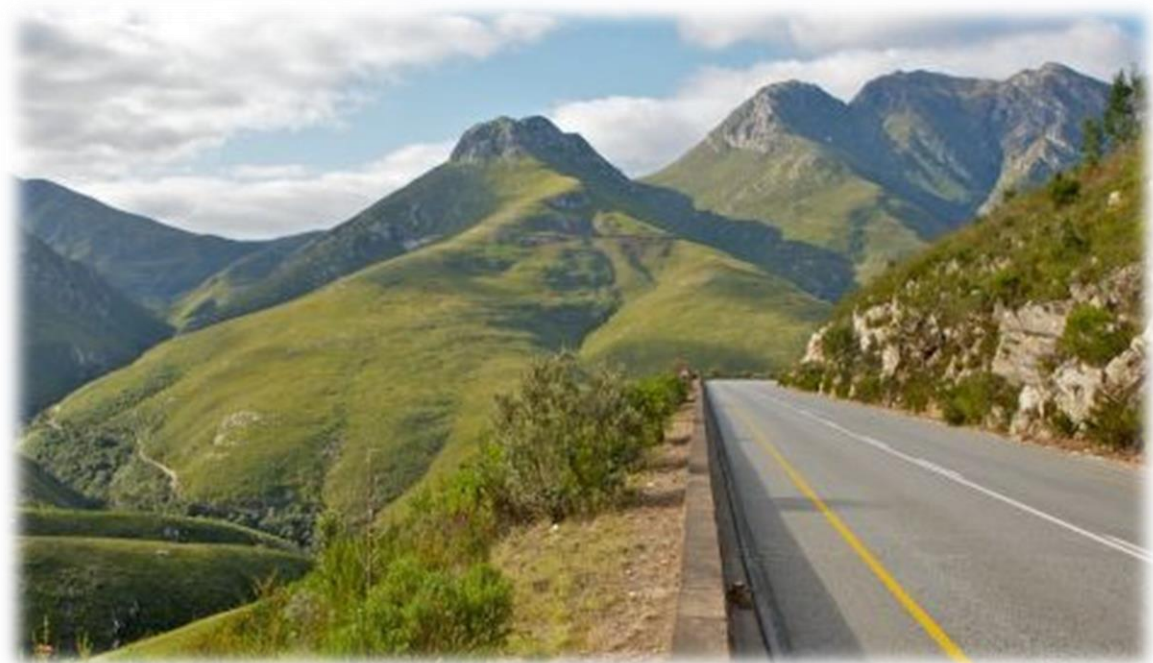


Surrounded by the Outeniqua mountains. Well known for its golf courses, and the George Museum, which has exhibits on the local timber industry. The Outeniqua Transport Museum has steam trains and vintage cars.



## Outeniqua Pass

A mountain pass that carries the N9/N12 road through the Outeniqua Mountains north of George. It connects George and the Garden Route coastal plain with Oudtshoorn and the Little Karoo.



# Oudtshoorn



*Cango Caves, Safari Ostrich Farm, Olive Estates*



# Swartberg Pass



# Route 62

The longest Wine Route in the World



# Barrydale



*Situated at the northern end of the Tradouw's pass which winds its way through the mountains to Swellendam.*



THE NEL FAMILY  
SINCE 1880  
— CALITZDORP —

# BOPLAAS



# L'Agulhas



*The southern most tip of the African continent. Where the 2 oceans meet (Indian & Atlantic).*



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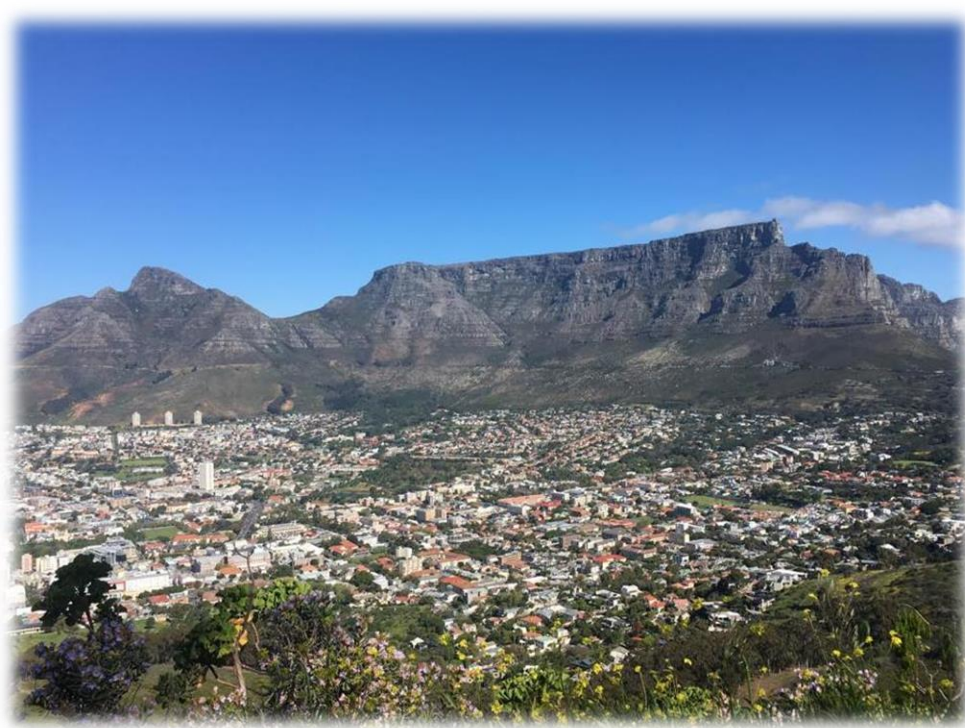
# Paarl - The Taal Monument



*Franschhoek*

*Stellenbosch*

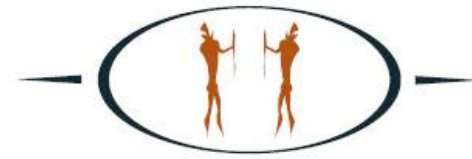
# Cape Town



# Cape Peninsula



# Safaris Lodges



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