



ARRIVE AS A TOURIST...
LEAVE AS A FRIEND!!

WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER



SWARTBERG PASS TOURS

Enjoy a Swartberg tour with lunch, Swartberg sunset tour with dinner, Swartberg *circular* tour with lunch, Klein Karoo agricultural tour with lunch & dinner or a Swartberg cultural tour with lunch.



MOUNTAIN BIKE DOWNHILL

Cycle from the top of the Swartberg to Kobus se Gat restaurant.

Duration: 3 hours (transport included)



E-BIKES

Discover the Swartberg and its surroundings by E-bike. Choose between a full-day (8 hours) or half-day (4 hours) excursion.



MOUNTAIN BIKE RENTALS

Rent a bike and enjoy the scenic valley & mountain views by bike.

Full-day (8 hours) or half-day (4 hours)



RESTAURANT

Kobus se Gat, our traditional veld restaurant is well known for our "Roosterkoek" and also offers an authentic South African Karoo cuisine.

Open daily from 08:00 – 17:00



ACCOMMODATION

Luxury family cottage with 2 bedrooms, 2 on suite bathrooms, kitchen and indoor braai facilities.



A DREAM COME TRUE...

Growing up on a farm at the foothills of the Swartberg Pass, Kobus (10 years old) had this big dream of developing the Swartberg as a Tourism attraction. Kobus's dream became true at the age of 35 when he lost everything as a Ostrich farmer when Bird Flue hit the area.

He now had nothing to do, but to make his dream come true. In 1998 he built Kobus se Gat Restaurant with recycling material he could find on the farm. He started his tours and combined it with Traditional Karoo Cuisine at the restaurant. Today we celebrate over 21 years in the industry and we are proud to be a family operating business.

Quality, Friendly Service and Happy Customers is what we strive for.

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GUESTS

Minimum: 2 or more guests / Maximum: 150 guests



TOUR OPTIONS

Swartberg Tour & Kobus Se Gat Lunch
Swartberg Sunset Tour & Kobus Se Gat Dinner
Swartberg Circular Tour & Kobus Se Gat Lunch
Klein Karoo Agricultural Tour, including Lunch & Dinner
Swartberg Cultural Tour, including Prince Albert Lunch & Kobus Se Gat Dinner

— **DEPARTS:** DAILY AT 10:30 & 13:30

— **DURATION:** 2.5 - 3 HOURS

SWARTBERG TOUR

& KOBUS SE GAT LUNCH

Experience the beauty of the Swartberg Mountain range with 360-degree views over the Little and Great Karoo. This is the ideal activity for nature lovers of all ages.

You will enjoy a guided tour to the summit 2585 m above sea level. There are several stops along the way with many beautiful photo opportunities. This national monument dates back to 1881 and its fascinating history will leave you in awe. Your guide will inform you about the unique fauna, flora, geology, and the building process of the pass which is also a World Heritage site.

From the summit, we continue down the pass towards the Great Karoo. You will be given a 30+ minute hike in the reserve or along the pass to explore the different fauna and flora. Enjoy downhill mountain biking back to Kobus se Gat restaurant. **Additional Costs apply.*

After the tour you will be treated to, what we call – the best of the Karoo meal. This will give you a taster of the best the Karoo has to offer. Rest assured, you won't leave hungry!

THIS IS A TRUE KAROO EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER!



GUESTS

Minimum: 2 or more guests / Maximum: 150 guests



POINT OF DEPARTURE

Kobus se Gat Restaurant, R328, Oudtshoorn.
Situated 12 minutes drive from the Cango Caves.
Pick up can be arranged at additional cost.



CHILD POLICY

Children under 4, *free*
Children under 13, *30% discount*



GUIDE & DRIVER POLICY

Groups under 5, *50% discount*
Groups more than 5, *free*



WHAT TO BRING

Camera, Warm Jacket, Hat, Sunscreen



WHAT TO WEAR

Comfortable Clothes and Shoes



INCLUDES

Guided Tour & Traditional Karoo Country Lunch



EXCLUDES

Beverages & Downhill Biking



KOBUS SE GAT RESTAURANT

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— **DEPARTS:** DAILY AT 16:30 IN SUMMER & 15:30 IN WINTER

— **DURATION:** 3.5 HOURS

SWARTBERG SUNSET TOUR

& KOBUS SE GAT DINNER

This tour takes you on a sunset drive showing off the best sunset the Karoo can offer. Departing from the foothills of the Swartberg Mountains with several photo opportunities along the route. Your guide will inform you on the unique fauna, flora, geology and the building process of the pass. At the top off the pass we continue along the road towards the Great Karoo. You will be given an opportunity to hike along the route and explore the fauna and flora. On return, we stop for sundowners to take in the sunset. Optional downhill biking can be included. *Additional costs apply.

After the sunset tour you will be treated to the best dinner the Karoo has to offer at Kobus se Gat restaurant. We show you how to do an African braai (BBQ) while dancing the night away under African skies.

*Stargazing can be added to this option. *Additional costs apply.*

** Other menu options can be prearranged from our menu.*

THE ULTIMATE KAROO SUNSET EXPERIENCE!



GUESTS

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Groups more than 5, *free*



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INCLUDES

Guided Tour & Traditional Karoo dinner from our menu options



EXCLUDES

Beverages



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— **DEPARTS:** DAILY AT 08:00 IN SUMMER & 09:00 IN WINTER

— **DURATION:** 7 HOURS

SWARTBERG CIRCULAR TOUR

& KOBUS SE GAT LUNCH

Departing from **Oudtshoorn**, we travel through **De Rust**, a small town considered the gateway between the Little and Great Karoo. From De Rust we travel through Meiringspoort gorge, a beautiful canyon winding through the Swartberg Mountains. We take a short hike to the **Meiringspoort waterfall**, a favorite for young and old. On a sunny day you are more than welcome to take a swim, the pool is safe for swimming. The Meiringspoort Waterfall is part of the Swartberg UNESCO World Heritage Site. We now proceed to **Prince Albert**, a delightful South African village in the heart of the Swartberg. We give you time to explore this picturesque town and enjoy the little shops it has to offer. We spend +- 30 minutes where you can also enjoy some drinks for own account.

From Prince Albert we continue to the highlight of your tour, the **Swartberg Pass**. This pass is the big daddy of passes in SA and surely one of the most spectacular passes in the world. Your guide will give you time to walk in the reserve or along the road to take in the breathtaking views, fauna and flora. This historic pass dates back to 1881. We have several photo stops along the route where your guide will inform you about the history of the pass, Geology and Fauna and Flora. Enjoy the 360 views over the Little and Great Karoo as we decent along the road towards the end of the pass.

We top your experience with a Traditional lunch at **Kobus se Gat**, known as the best of the Karoo. You will have a taster of everything the Little Karoo has to offer and more.

*Cango Caves can be included in this experience. *Additional costs apply.*



GUESTS

Minimum: 2 or more guests / Maximum: 150 guests



POINT OF DEPARTURE

Pick up from the guest house or lodge



CHILD POLICY

Children under 4, free
Children under 13, 30% discount



GUIDE & DRIVER POLICY

Groups under 5, 50% discount
Groups more than 5, free



WHAT TO BRING

Camera, Warm Jacket, Hat, Sunscreen



WHAT TO WEAR

Comfortable Clothes and Shoes



INCLUDES

Guided Tour & Traditional Karoo Country Lunch



EXCLUDES

Beverages & Downhill Biking



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— **DEPARTS:** DAILY AT 08:00 IN SUMMER & 09:00 IN WINTER

— **DURATION:** 6 HOURS

KLEIN KAROO AGRICULTURAL TOUR

INCLUDING LUNCH & DINNER

The Klein Karoo (Little Karoo) has more to offer than Ostrich farming.

It is one of the most diverse agricultural areas in South Africa. Agricultural activities include farming with tobacco, vegetables, lucerne seed, wine, dairy herds and much more.

We are offering a one - day specialised tour in the Little Karoo where we combine your agricultural tour with panoramic views of the Swartberg Pass, Little and Great Karoo.

Experience the farmer hospitality with a lunch at one of the local farms and dinner at Kobus se Gat restaurant where you will have an unforgettable dinner braai experience with the best the Karoo has to offer.



GUESTS

Minimum: 4 or more guests / Maximum: 100 guests



POINT OF DEPARTURE

Pick up from the guest house or lodge



CHILD POLICY

Children under 4, *free*

Children under 13, *30% discount*



GUIDE & DRIVER POLICY

Groups under 5, *50% discount*

Groups more than 5, *free*



WHAT TO BRING

Camera, Warm Jacket, Hat, Sunscreen



WHAT TO WEAR

Comfortable Clothes and Shoes



INCLUDES

Guided Tour, Country Lunch & Traditional Dinner



EXCLUDES

Beverages



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— **DEPARTS:** DAILY AT 08:00 IN SUMMER & 09:00 IN WINTER

— **DURATION:** 10 HOURS

SWARTBERG CULTURAL TOUR

& KOBUS SE GAT LUNCH

Embark on a picturesque tour from Oudtshoorn that takes you through charming towns, breathtaking landscapes, and a delightful dining experience. Starting from Oudtshoorn, a town in the Western Cape province of South Africa known for its ostrich farms and beautiful mountains, here's a description of the tour:

UDTSHOORN

8:30 Begin your journey departing from your guest house towards De Rust.

9:00 First stop visiting an **Ostrich and Buck farm** where the guide will give you more information about the farmers in the area and get more insight on the animals.

DE RUST

After visiting the beautiful Ostrich farm, we drive towards the quaint town of De Rust. This charming village is nestled at the foot of the majestic Swartberg Mountains and offers a tranquil atmosphere and beautiful landscapes.

From De Rust, we Embark to **Doornkraal** where she will tell us more about her horse farm and will show you her lovely horses. Her dad will tell you more about the history of the farm and their house which was built in 1916.

MEIRINGSPOORT WATERFALL

Continuing your journey, make your way to **Meiringspoort**, a stunning mountain pass renowned for its natural beauty. As you drive through the Poort (Afrikaans for "gorge"), you'll be treated to awe-inspiring views of towering cliffs, dramatic rock formations, and the winding **Groot River**. We stop and take a leisurely 800m walk to the Meiringspoort Waterfall, a cascading marvel that adds a touch of magic to the scenery.

KLAARSTROOM

12:40 After visiting the beautiful Waterfall, we depart to **Klaarstroom Hotel** for coffee, tea & milk tart. Jeremy will tell you more about the history of Klaarstroom, a small town in the Little Karoo.



GUESTS

Minimum: 2 or more guests
Maximum: 100 guests



POINT OF DEPARTURE

Pick up from the guest house or lodge



CHILD POLICY

Children under 4, free
Children under 13, 30% discount



GUIDE & DRIVER POLICY

Groups under 5, 50% discount
Groups more than 5, free



WHAT TO BRING

Camera, Warm Jacket, Hat, Sunscreen



WHAT TO WEAR

Comfortable Clothes and Shoes



INCLUDES

Guided Tour, Milk Tart Tasting & Traditional Karoo Dinner



EXCLUDES

Beverages



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PRINCE ALBERT

After experiencing the splendor of Klaarstroom, head towards the charming town of Prince Albert. Known for its well-preserved **Victorian and Cape Dutch architecture**, Prince Albert offers a nostalgic glimpse into the past. Explore the quaint streets lined with **galleries, boutique shops, and coffee houses**.

14:30 Lunch in Prince Albert

SWARTBERG PASS

As you bid farewell to Prince Albert, prepare for an unforgettable drive over the Swartberg Pass. This mountain pass is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and offers **breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape**. Wind your way up the steep slopes, marvel at the rugged terrain, and relish in the sense of adventure that this iconic route provides. You have a chance to **take a small hike** in the reserve to explore the beautiful nature & fynbos.

KOBUS SE GAT

Conclude your tour by treating yourself to a delightful **dinner** at Kobus se Gat. Located just outside of Oudtshoorn, this renowned restaurant offers a unique dining experience in a rustic and cozy setting. Enjoy a sumptuous meal that highlights the flavors of the Karoo region, featuring traditional South African delicacies.

As you savor your dinner at Kobus se Gat, you can reflect on the beauty and diversity of the Oudtshoorn region, from its ostrich farms to its stunning waterfalls, mountain passes, and charming towns. This tour promises an unforgettable journey through South Africa's natural wonders and cultural heritage



HIKING & BIKING

Swartberg mountain biking & hiking should be added on your bucket list.

This iconic pass, rated as one of the most spectacular passes in Africa is best discovered by foot or on your saddle.

Hiking: +/- 30 minutes' hike along the road or in the reserve is included in all our tour options. We can alter your package for more intense hikes on request.

Biking: Additional biking can be included in your package at additional cost. Alternative options can be arranged on request.



GUESTS

Minimum: 2 or more guests / Maximum: 25 guests



POINT OF DEPARTURE

Kobus se Gat Restaurant, R328, Oudtshoorn



CHILD POLICY

No Kids u/10. Full Price



GUIDE & DRIVER POLICY

Groups under 5, 50% discount

Groups more than 5, free



WHAT TO BRING

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WHAT TO WEAR

Comfortable Clothes and Shoes



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— **DURATION:** 10 HOURS

SWARTBERG

E-BIKING & DOWNHILL BIKING

INFO ABOUT SWARTBERG EXPERIENCE E-BIKING & MOUNTAIN BIKING:

- **Start** - Kobus se Gat - 900m above sea level.
- **Distance to the top of the pass** - 12km from Kobus se Gat
- **Altitude** - 1575m above sea level
- **Total Distance** - 26km

THE ROUTE

- The Swartberg Pass is one of the most beautiful passes in the world.
- Gravel Road & National Monument, it's open to the public, becoming more and more popular - so there will be other people on the pass.
- At some places the pass is narrow and cars have to wait for one another to pass each other.
- On our way up, the client will be able to see the altitude, road conditions as well as stunning views.

OUR BIKES

Bikes are serviced and maintained daily.

We always ensure the following are checked:

- Brakes
- Brake handles and cables
- Gears and shifters
- Tyres and tyre pressure (35 PSI)

THE PROCEDURE

Drive up the pass with busses, bikes are loaded onto a trailer to the top of the pass.

We do a short briefing of what to do and not what to do.

Every rider must sign an **indemnity form** before going on a bike ride.

- Sign the indemnity form.
- Choose Helmet
- Pick a bike size
- Take a short ride to familiarise yourself with the breaks. (Rear and Front)
- When uncomfortable, please get off your bike and return with the bus back to the restaurant.
- Please do not speed down the mountain - enjoy the beautiful views, fauna, and flora.
- Do not ride next to each other.
- Enjoy the ride and do it safely.

Experience the Swartberg Pass & surroundings on a mountain or ebike

How far can you go?
JUST DO IT!

OPTION 1



4 Hours

Mountain Bike or Ebike Rental (no transfer)

Start - Kobus se Gat - 900m

Turn - Top of Swartberg Pass

Total distance 26km

2.3h depending on fitness

1565m above sea level

OPTION 2



8 Hours

Mountain Bike or Ebike Rental (no transfer)

Start - Kobus se Gat - 900m

Turn - Groot Klip

Total distance 18km

2 - 2.3h depending on fitness

1400m above sea level

Lunch included -
backpack picnic style



ACCOMMODATION

Swartberg Pass Cottages is the latest addition to our family.

Here you can relax in luxurious comfort and convenience in this newly built farm-style mountain cottages with its panoramic views. Relax on the lawn overlooking the magical Swartberg Mountain while taking in the sunrise or sunset.

The fully equipped cottage can be used for a romantic break away for 2 people or can be extended to cater for a family of 5.

Magical sunsets, dazzling stars, spectacular mountain views and unbelievable peace and quiet is what you'll find at Swartberg Pass Cottages just outside Oudtshoorn in the little Karoo, South Africa.

During the day you have the option to dine on local Karoo cuisine at the on-site restaurant and for dinner, braai packs/BBQ packs can be arranged to cook on the braai/BBQ while enjoying the view with a glass of wine.

We are proud to say that we are Green and off the grid.



COTTAGES

We currently only have 2 Farm Style Cottages



SLEEPS

2 - 4 Guests per Cottage



DINNER, BED AND BREAKFAST

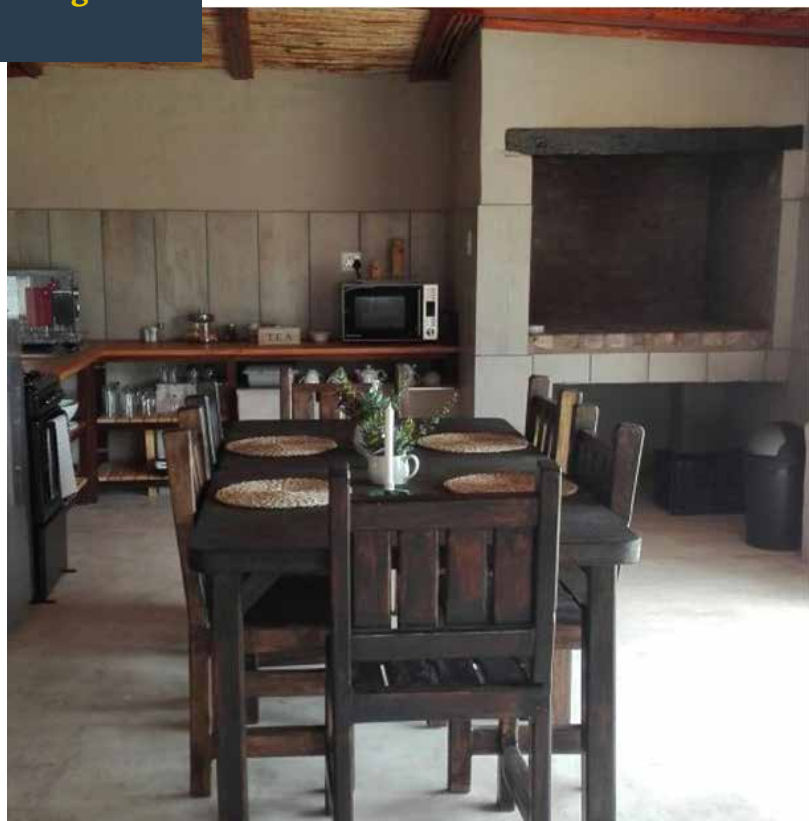
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PROTEA COTTAGE

Luxurious two bedroom on suite cottage that includes a King Size bed, two single beds and sleeper couch. It's fully equipped kitchen and indoor braai area. This cottage is ideal for a romantic couple or can be booked for a family of 5.

KLIPSPRINGER

Luxury family cottage with 2 bedrooms, 2 on suite bathrooms, kitchen and indoor braai facilities.



KOBUS SE GAT

TRADITIONAL VELDT RESTAURANT



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Traditional South African Restaurant situated at the foothills of the picturesque Swartberg Mountains. At this veldt restaurant we give you a taste of the Karoo, simply the best, the Little Karoo has to offer.



LOCATION

The restaurant is uniquely located, only 12 minutes' drive from the Congo Caves and 30 minutes from Oudtshoorn in a small valley at the foothills of the Swartberg Pass.



SELF-SUSTAINABLE MODEL

We are proud to say that we work on a self-sustainable model to reduce our carbon footprint. Our aim is to create an entire "ecosystem" from vegetables to the livestock, that suits our idea of responsible farming (and restaurant). There is no electricity on the farm (restaurant) and all energy is sourced from the sun, we also make use of a grey water system.



MENU

The idea of our menu is to close the gap between produce, farm and the final product. Guests can see the produce growing, where it comes from and the versatility of each product. We bring the taste of the Karoo from the farm, to your plate. Drenched in African spirit and kept traditional.

*Add a guided tour of the Swartberg Pass, take a hike in the reserve and add downhill biking to complete this experience. *Additional costs apply.*



MAXIMUM VENUE CAPACITY

This venue can easily seat up to 200 people. Groups that are in a hurry can be seated and served within 30 minutes.



FOOD STYLE

South African, Karoo Cuisine



KOBUS SE GAT

TRADITIONAL VELD'T RESTAURANT

MENU OPTIONS

STARTERS

Traditional bread, Roosterkoek prepared on the coals and served warm upon arrival with home-made jams.

MAINS

- Option 1

KAROO COUNTRY LUNCH

Karoo Lamb - the pride of the Karoo

Ostrich Steak - Cholesterol free, made for healthy eating.

Boerewors - Homemade South African farm style sausage.

All the above is served with salads, pumpkin fritters and other delicious country cuisine delicacies.

- Option 2

BOBOTIE & SPICY RICE

Bobotie is a traditional South African light meal that has a subtle Malaysian. Our secret recipe has been in the family for more than 3 generations.

Enjoy this delicious dish with various other Karoo delicacies, including pumpkin fritters.

- Option 3

HEARTY OSTRICH STEAK

Ostrich is a delicious healthy red meat with all the texture and hearty flavor of beef. It is also recommended by the South African Heart Foundation. Our prime ostrich steaks are prepared on the open fire glazes with olive oil while it is on the braai.

This is served with pumpkin fritters and other delicious country cuisine delicacies.



- **Option 4**

TRADITIONAL POTJIEKOS

Nothing brings South Africans together quite like a potjie, simmering away, gently for hours - and nothing divides them so fast as someone trying to stir it...

Potjiekos is a traditional South African meal which is cooked for over 4 hours in a 3 legged cast iron pot on the open fire.

The main difference between a potjie and stew is that a potjie is cooked in layers on the fire. Experience this unique dish in the same way of those who built the Swartberg Pass over 100 year ago.

Served with Rice, samp and other Karoo delicacies.

- **Option 5**

BRAAI BBQ DINNER

Traditional braai is a unique South African dining experience. This barbeque - like meal is cooked over an open fire.

Enjoy certified **Karoo lamb chops**

(Karoo lamb is unique to this area and rated the best in the world)

Boerewors (Traditional South African sausage)

Ostrich Kebab

All the above is served with delicious salads and other Karoo delicacies.

DESSERTS

Desserts are included with dinners.

Additional charges apply should you like to include dessert with any of the lunch options.

Farm-style malva pudding

Sago pudding

Koeksisters

Milktart

KOBUS SE GAT

TRADITIONAL VELD-OT RESTAURANT
MENU OPTIONS



LOCATION

KOBUS SE GAT IS UNIQUELY LOCATED AT THE FOOTHILLS OF THE SWARTBERG PASS, OUTSIDE OUDTSHOORN & ONLY 12 MINUTES DRIVE FROM THE CANGO CAVES AND 5 MINUTES FROM SWARTBERG COUNTRY MANOR

DRIVING FROM CAPE TOWN VIA N1

- Total duration 5 hours

From Cape Town take the N1 to Worcester.

From Worcester take the Route 62 to Robertson.

From Robertson drive to Ashton

After Ashton continue along R62 to Montagu

After Montagu drive to Ladismith

At Ladismith turn to Calitzdorp to the East.

From Calitzdorp continue until you get to Oudtshoorn.

Once you get to Oudtshoorn, take the R328 towards the Cango Caves.

Before the Caves take the turnoff towards the Swartberg Pass. Continue along this road until you see Kobus se Gat on your left.

DRIVING FROM CAPE TOWN VIA N2

- Total duration 5 hours

From Cape Town to Oudtshoorn travel along the N2. Pass Swellendam, and head towards R324 to Barrydale.

From Barrydale travel on R62 to Ladismith.

At Ladismith turn to Calitzdorp to the east.

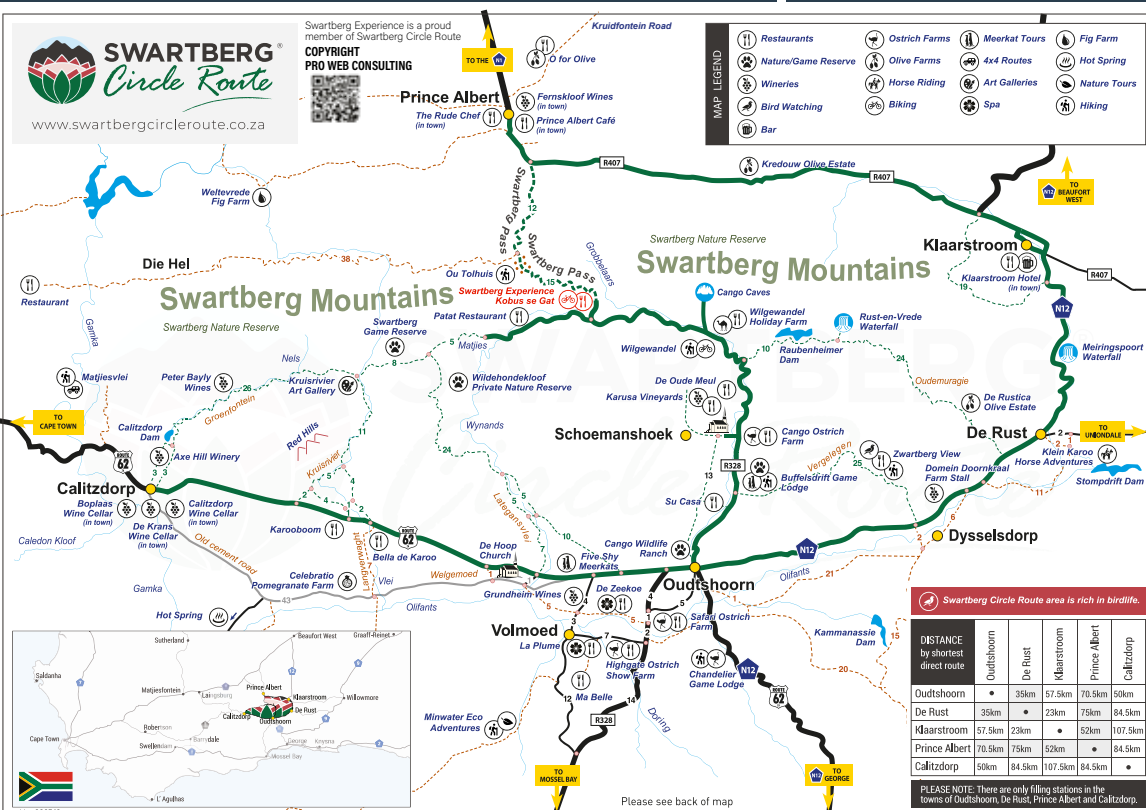
Once you get to Oudtshoorn, take the R328 towards the Cango Caves.

Before the Caves take the turnoff towards the Swartberg Pass. Continue along this road until you see Kobus se Gat on your left.



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Prince Albert
The Rude Chef (in town)
Prince Albert Cafe (in town)





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