

TRADE ACTIVITY FACT SHEET

SUNSET CRUISE



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| VESSEL TYPE | 55 ft Mono Hull Yacht |
| VESSEL NAME | Outeniqua |
| MAXIMUM PAX | 12 pax |
| MINIMUM PAX | 4 pax |
| SEASONALITY | Year Round |
| DURATION | 2.5 hours |
| DEPARTURE TIMES | Dec & Jan - 17h00 Feb to Apr, Sep to Nov - 16h00 May to Aug – 15h00 |

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

The Springtide Charters Sunset Cruise presents a **refined sailing experience on the Knysna Estuary**, combining scenic coastal cruising with a relaxed sense of luxury. Departing from the Knysna Waterfront aboard a classic 50-foot sailing yacht, guests explore the calm lagoon waters and, weather permitting, **sail through the iconic Knysna Heads towards the Indian Ocean**. Timed to coincide with sunset, the cruise highlights the natural beauty of the Garden Route as the coastline and sky transform in the soft evening light.

The experience is well suited to luxury FITs and incentive travellers seeking an intimate, high-quality activity with broad appeal. A light savoury platter and complimentary sparkling wine are included, with a fully serviced onboard bar available. Professional crew, personalised service and **limited guest numbers ensure a comfortable and exclusive atmosphere throughout**.

Ideal as a pre-dinner experience or as a signature highlight within a Garden Route itinerary, the Springtide Charters Sunset Cruise integrates seamlessly with Knysna's accommodation and dining offerings, making it a strong inclusion for upmarket leisure programmes and incentive travel.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Classic 50-foot mono-hull yacht with traditional sailing charm
- Exclusive experience – max 12 guests for personalised service
- Scenic Knysna Estuary cruise with ever-changing lagoon views
- Indian Ocean passage – skipper assesses conditions for open-water adventure
- Skipper commentary on history, geology, and marine life
- Iconic Knysna Heads with dramatic sandstone cliffs
- Gourmet picnic-style platter served on deck
- Authentic sailing experience – hands-on, old-school charm
- Intimate and personalised – small group ensures a memorable cruise
- Ideal for incentive groups, luxury travellers, and bespoke itineraries



CATERING

Served picnic-style on our teak deck, layered on a bed of fresh herbs for a touch of natural elegance.

- **Crispy crumbed prawns & sliced smoked chicken**
- **Camembert, Brie & Blue cheese** with homemade onion marmalade and sliced preserved figs
- **Calamata olives & peppadews stuffed with feta**
- **Fresh seasonal fruit**
- **Rosemary & black pepper baguette** served with creamy hummus and a vibrant peppadew dip

The platter can be tailored to accommodate dietary requirements upon request.

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INCLUDES

- 50-foot mono-hull chartered yacht in Knysna
- Professional skipper and crew
- Scenic estuary cruise with optional ocean-going passage through the Knysna Heads
- Sunset departure with stunning coastal and lagoon views
- Maximum 12 guests for an exclusive, personalised experience
- Gourmet picnic-style platter with sparkling wine
- Fully serviced onboard bar

EXCLUDES

- Additional beverages beyond sparkling wine
- Gratuities (optional)
- Transfers to/from Knysna Waterfront
- Activities not specified in the cruise itinerary

WHAT TO BRING

- Camera or smartphone to capture the stunning sunset and scenery
- Sunglasses and sunscreen for sun protection
- Light jacket or wrap — it can get cool on the water, especially at sunset
- Optional hat or cap for sun protection
- Motion sickness tablets, if prone to seasickness

Guests are asked to remove their shoes to protect the deck. Shoes will be stored and returned after the cruise. Outside food and drinks are not permitted.

SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

- Fully licensed, insured, and compliant with South African maritime regulations
- Life jackets provided: mandatory for children for the entire cruise; adults use them only if proceeding out through the Knysna Heads
- Professional skipper and crew, trained in first aid and emergency procedures
- Cruises are weather-dependent; skipper has full discretion to adjust or cancel for safety
- Safety briefing provided to all guests prior to departure
- Indemnity forms completed by all guests before boarding



ITINERARY SNAPSHOT

Arrival & Check-In

- Meet at Springtide Charters on the Knysna Waterfront
- Indemnity forms completed prior to boarding
- Guests are encouraged to use restroom facilities on land before departure; onboard bathroom facilities remain available throughout the charter

Boarding & Departure

- Board via a tide-influenced jetty, stepping across onto the yacht
- Classic 50-foot mono-hull sailing yacht with traditional, old-school character
- Brief, informal chat with the skipper once all guests are on board
- Depart from the Waterfront into the Knysna Estuary

Estuary & Knysna Heads

- Cruise the estuary toward the iconic Knysna Heads
- Vessel may sail or motor, depending on conditions
- At the Heads, the skipper assesses prevailing conditions
- If suitable, the yacht may proceed into the Indian Ocean
- If not, the cruise continues within the Knysna Estuary
- Light commentary on the history and significance of the Heads

Afloat Experience

- Gourmet picnic-style platter served on the teak deck
- Complimentary sparkling wine while enjoying late-afternoon and early-evening light
- Maximum 12 guests, ensuring an exclusive and personalised atmosphere

Return

- Begin return to the mooring before sundown
- Scenic cruise back through the estuary to the Waterfront
- Crew assist guests prior to disembarkation

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