

## “KNYSNA PARADISE COLLECTION”



THE BLOEM  
PARADISE IN KNYSNA

### | OUT OF AFRICA | OUT OF THIS WORLD |

#### KNYSNA TOURISM INFORMATION OFFICE

MAIN STREET | KNYSNA

Tel: 044 382 5510 / [www.visitknysna.co.za](http://www.visitknysna.co.za)



Knysna is one of the Garden Route's best known travel destinations. The area is one of the most scenic in the world and offers beaches, lakes and lush forests to play in. After being South Africa's favorite town for many years, it has now received international recognition for the gem it is. With a rich history, gourmet restaurants and a variety of art & craft rambles to add, this is also the ideal base for exploring the rest of the Garden Route. Distance from Cape Town 490.0 km - Port Elizabeth 275.0 km - George Airport 65.0 km



#### CLIMATE

**Summer** is warm to hot during the day, wear light clothing, a hat and a wide-spectrum sun-block during the day whilst a light sweater may be required at night.

**Winter** is generally warm during the day, cool to cold at night; wear layers of clothing which are easily removed during the day and a warm coat at night.



#### VILLA AFRIKANA GUEST SUITES & THE BLOEM

We are situated high up in the quiet, leafy suburb of **Paradise**, just 1 kilometer from **Knysna** city center, Lagoon and **Knysna Waterfront** with its **fine restaurants**, **exclusive boutiques** and **boat trips** terminals.

**Knysna Golf Club**, the **Pezula** championship golf course & spa; as well as the spectacular course at **Simola** are all within a scenic 15 minutes drive.



With our easy access to the N2 highway, trips to attractions such as the **Knysna Elephant Park**, **Robberg Peninsula**, **The Craggs**, **Birds of Eden**, **Monkeyland**, **Brenton-on-Sea** and **Buffels Bay** can be enjoyed in a flash, day trips to the **Tsitsikamma National Park** and **Klein Karoo** are also a must while in Knysna.

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### | DINING OUT IN KNYSNA |

#### FOOD



South Africa's cuisine is exceptionally difficult to define due to the country's great diversity of cultures. Knysna has a vast range of western, eastern and African-style restaurants capable of delivering for all tastes from contemporary to traditional to experimental ones. All offer meat, game, fish, seafood, vegetarian dishes and of-course Knysna oysters on their menus. They are generally receptive to any issue or suggestion you may have about your dining experience and easily engage in conversation.

The cultivated Knysna Oyster is famous for its fresh, nutty taste, unique to oysters in this area. Of course the wild coastal oyster, more salty in taste - is ever popular.

#### WINE



South Africa's wines have achieved world acclaim, with two main wine growing areas including the Northern Cape and Western Cape. Traditional vinifera grapes to the areas are cabernet sauvignon, pinot noir, chenin blanc and riesling. Two varieties though originated in South Africa — Cape riesling and pinotage.

**We are proudly associated with:**

#### GRAHAM BECK WINES / JORDAN WINES

**Graham Beck's** Robertson estate focus on minimal intervention, allowing the authentic essence of the grapes to shine through in the final wine. **The Jordan** philosophy combines the vineyards' natural assets with innovative management, creating a profound expression of terroir.

#### BEER



South Africans are mostly beer drinkers and a number of beers are produced locally, including Castle, Hansa, Lion, Black Label and Windhoek Lager.

Mitchell's Knysna Brewery was established in 1983 by Lex Mitchell in a small building in the Knysna town center. Their Ales are unpasteurized, live ales, produced locally in Knysna using the finest available ingredients and a carefully selected amalgam of British mashing and German lagering techniques.

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## | RECOMMENDED FOR LUNCH |



**\$\$ MON PETIT PAIN**  
HEDGE STREET | KNYSNA

**Tel: 44 382 7873**

This place is intended for the person on the run, seeking a fun nutritious snack for breakfast or lunch. Grab and go – or slow down a bit, grab a casual seat and enjoy your meal.



**\$\$ EAST HEAD CAFÉ'**  
THE HEADS | 5 KM | 15 MINUTES DRIVE

**Tel +27 (0) 44 384 0933 / [www.eastheadcafe.co.za](http://www.eastheadcafe.co.za)**

**Views:** The Heads

**Décor:** Beach House

**Cuisine:** Sandwiches and lunches like gourmet burgers, fish and chips or daily specials like buttered hake

**Highs:** Location, Friendly service

**Lows:** No Lows



**\$\$ 34 DEGREES TAPAS**  
THESEN HARBOR TOWN | KNYSNA

**Tel: 044 382 7196**

**Views:** Thesen Harbour right by the water edge

**Cuisine:** Worldwide Tapas Restaurant & Bar

**Highs:** Family friendly

**Lows:** Pricey for a tapas bar

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**\$\$ CAFÉ THROBB**  
**GREY STREET I KNYNSNA CENTRAL**  
[www.facebook.com/CafeThrobb](http://www.facebook.com/CafeThrobb)  
**Tel: 044 382 0406**

Cafe Throbb is a family run restaurant owned by Grant & Vanessa Murphy. The natural and organic styled interior, rustic tables and a warm ambiance makes the customer feel right at home. Throbb's goal is to deliver fresh, organic farm produce, artisan breads and pastries. The aroma of the freshly brewed coffee and loose tea leaves gives a true sense of a charming Cape Dutch feel.

**Closed on Sundays**



**\$\$ BRAMON WINE ESTATE**  
**THE CRAGS/PLETTENBERG BAY I 35 KM I 40 MINUETS DRIVE**  
**Tel: 044 5348007 / [www.bramonwines.co.za](http://www.bramonwines.co.za)**

Bramon Wine Estate is situated in a mountainous area called the Craggs. The first vines (Sauvignon Blanc) were planted in August 2000. What better way to spend an afternoon – tasting local wines and cheeses, fresh oysters, garden salads and homemade breads.



**\$\$ ENRICO BY THE BEACH**  
**THE CRAGS/PLETTENBERG BAY I 35 KM I 40 MINUETS DRIVE**  
**Tel: 044 535 9818 / [www.enricorestaurant.co.za](http://www.enricorestaurant.co.za)**

"Any closer to the sea and you will get wet"! The terrace is a prime site for watching dolphins and whales. The atmosphere is friendly and homely. Enrico's signature dish is the Fish Enrico, the freshest line fish he can get, baked in olive oil, white wine, a touch of parsley and garlic and lots of imagination!

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### | RECOMMENDED FOR DINNER |



#### **\$\$ CAFFE' MARIO'S**

**KNYSNA QUAYS | KNYSNA**

**(Advanced Booking essential between 7:00-8:30pm)**

**Tel: 044 382 7250**

**When to Go:** For an unpretentious and relaxing evening out

**Views:** Overlooking the Waterfront Marina

**Décor:** Contemporary Italian

**Cuisine:** Pasta, Thin Crust Pizza – Veal Dishes

**Highs:** Stays open late - Great value for money

**Lows:** Hard to get in on season



#### **\$\$\$ JJ'S**

**KNYSNA QUAYS | KNYSNA**

**(Advanced Booking essential between 7:00-8:30pm)**

**Tel: 044 382 3359 / [www.jjsrestaurant.co.za](http://www.jjsrestaurant.co.za)**

**When to Go:** For that very good dinner without breaking your wallet.

**Views:** Overlooking the Waterfront Marina and Lagoon

**Décor:** romantic quayside location, welcoming ambience

**Cuisine:** seafood, tempting salads, Game and Beef

**Highs:** "Message in a Bottle" for posterity

**Lows:** There are no lows



#### **\$\$\$ DIE GIETER RESTAURANT / CATHY & REMY**

**WHITE BRIDGE | KNYSNA | 3 KM | 20 MINUTES DRIVE**

**(Advanced Booking essential between 7:00-8:30pm)**

**Tel: 044 386 0201**

**When to Go:** For that French cuisine and attitude dinner.

**Views:** Overlooking the east part of the Lagoon

**Décor:** Bistro style,

**Cuisine:** Lamb and Beef

**Highs:** Great value for money

**Lows:** it is closed on **Sundays & Mondays.**

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#### **\$\$ ANCHORAGE RESTAURANT** **GREY STREET | KNYSNA**

**Tel: 044 382 2230 / [www.anchoragerestaurant.co.za](http://www.anchoragerestaurant.co.za)**

The anchorage is a traditional seafood restaurant situated in the heart of Knysna. Not only known for Seafood ... but also for superb matured beef. The Angus Beef fillet is as good as it gets!! The Anchorage offers a selection of fine fresh fish, Knysna Oysters, Shellfish, Seafood platters as well as sizzling beef and venison



#### **\$\$ FRESHLINE FISHERIES** **CORNER LONG & WATERFRONT DRIVE | KNYSNA** **(Advanced Booking essential between 7:00-8:30pm)** **044 382 3131**

Enjoy a wide selection of seafood dishes on our beach! This **OUTDOOR BEACH RESTAURANT** is perfect for casual meal with friends and family.  
**BRING YOUR OWN WINE (NO CORKAGE FEE CHARGED)**  
**(closed on Sundays for most of the year)**



#### **\$\$\$ PEMBREY'S** **BELVIDERE | KNYSNA | 3 KM | 20 MINUTES DRIVE** **(Advanced Booking essential between 7:00-8:30pm)**

**Tel: 044 3860005 / [www.pembreys.co.za](http://www.pembreys.co.za)**

The well-balanced menu is chalked up on a blackboard and changes according to the seasons. The dishes are cooked with care and the simple presentation belies the often complex cooking of the sauces.  
**(closed on Sundays and Mondays for most of the year)**



#### **\$\$ MUSE Fusion Food** **OLD CAPE ROAD | KNYSNA / Tel: 044 382 4874**

It's all under ONE roof... Amazing vibe, fresh, live food and all the health and super-foods your heart could desire!!

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**\$\$ 34 DEGREES SOUTH**  
**KNYSNA QUAYS | KNYSNA**

**Tel: 044 3827331 / [www.34-south.com](http://www.34-south.com)**

**When to Go:** For that family get together or for a VERY casual evening out.

**Views:** Overlooking the Waterfront Marina

**Décor:** Marine Theme

**Cuisine:** Sushi, Fish, Seafood, Meat

**Highs:** Well stock wine cellar, menu choices to suit all tastes

**Lows:** Super busy



**\$\$\$ SIROCCO**  
**THESEN HARBOR TOWN | KNYSNA**

**Tel: 044 382 4874 / [www.sirocco.co.za](http://www.sirocco.co.za)**

**When to Go:** For a casual evening out.

**Views:** Right by the water edge

**Décor:** Vibrant lunch and dinner as well as bar venue

**Cuisine:** Shellfish, Poultry and tender char grilled beef

**Highs:** Vibrant and Cosmopolitan (in season)

**Lows:** There is a tendency to rush late diners



**\$\$\$ OLIVE TREE RESTAURANT**  
**MAIN ROAD | KNYSNA**  
**(Advanced Booking essential between 7:00-8:30pm)**

**Tel: 044 382 5867**

**When to Go:** For a warm and inviting night out.

**Views:** No views

**Décor:** Cozy and Charming

**Cuisine:** Bistro style, a la carte, vegetarian dishes

**Highs:** Rated 3.5 stars in Le Gastronom 2009

**Lows:** Traffic Noise from the main road

**(closed on Sundays for most of the year)**

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### | TAKE AWAYS |



**THEY DELIVER**  
**044 382 0312 / 3**

**Weekdays & Sundays: 10:00-21:30 | Saturdays: 10:00-22:30**



**THEY DELIVER**  
**044 382 2073**

**Weekdays & Sundays: 10:00-21:30 | Saturdays: 10:00-22:30**

### | COUNTRY MARKETS |



#### **WILD OATS COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET** **SEDGEFIELD | 10 KM | 20 MINUTES DRIVE**

**EVERY SATURDAY MORNING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR (from 7:30-11:30 summer; 8:00-11:30 winter) COME RAIN OR SHINE. AN EXCITING AND SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK IN THE HEART OF SOUTH AFRICA'S GARDEN ROUTE.**



#### **KNYSNA FRIDAY NIGHT MARKET** **WELDBEDADACHT | 2 KM | 10 MINUTES DRIVE**

This Friday night market is predominantly a supper- market from 16:00 to 20:00 and concentrates on food and drinks. Expect live entertainment. **(It may be closed during winter)**



#### **OUTENIQUA FARMER'S MARKET** **GEORGE | 60 KM | 50 MINUTES DRIVE**

**EVERY SATURDAY MORNING from 8:00AM TO 2:00PM.** The Outeniqua Farmers' Market is located opposite the Garden Route Mall on the N2. The five-hectare site is the home to more than 130 food and craft stalls.

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### | WELL BEING |



#### **LE SPA TRANQUILLE THESEN HARBOR TOWN | KNYSNA**

**Tel: 044 302 5727/8 / [www.lespa.co.za](http://www.lespa.co.za)**

Le Spa Tranquille is situated on the edge of the scenic Knysna Lagoon. All therapy rooms have picturesque views of the lagoon which, combined with our therapists expert touch, guarantee a soothing experience.

**Up to 25% reduced rates for our Guests at the following 2 popular SPAs:**



#### **PEZULA SPA & GYM PEZULA RESORT HOTEL | 5 KM | 25 MINUTES DRIVE**

**Tel: 044 302 3333**

Transport yourself to another world, a calm sanctuary that reflects the soul of Africa with its natural elements and textures at the opulent Pezula Spa at Conrad Pezula. Our philosophy is to amplify Nature's gifts while using the very latest technologies and treatments.

#### **SIMOLA HOTEL & SPA SIMOLA ESTATE | 2 KM | 15 MINUTES DRIVE**

  
[www.simolaestate.co.za](http://www.simolaestate.co.za)  
Tel: 044 302 9660

From its vantage point high above Knysna, the brand new Simola Spa and Gym boasts unparalleled views. This spellbinding panorama permeates almost every aspect of the Spa & Gym's light and airy interior



Even the sauna, with its glass panels, lets in the calming effects of nature. The indoor heated pool is enclosed by a curving glass wall and in our fully equipped state-of-the-art gym you can gaze out through the Knysna Heads whilst walking or running on a treadmill!

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## | GOLF COURSES |

**Up to 10% reduced rates for our Guests at the following 3 major courses:**



**Designed by:** Jack Nicklaus  
**Hole:** 18 | **Par:** 72  
**Greens Grass:** Bent Grass  
**Length:** 5644m

**Simola**

**GOLF COURSE**  
**SIMOLA ESTATE | 2 Km | 15 MINUTES DRIVE**

[www.simolaestate.co.za](http://www.simolaestate.co.za) | Tel: 044 302 9677

Keeping your head down at Simola can be a challenge; simply because the views around the course are awe-inspiring, and with this, it is clear to see why Simola takes its place as one of South Africa's premier golfing destinations.



**Designed by:** Ron Fream  
**Hole:** 18 | **Par:** 72  
**Green: Grass:** Bent Grass  
**Length:** 6281m

**PEZULA**

**GOLF COURSE**  
**PEZULA ESTATE | KNYSNA | 5 KM | 25 MINUTES DRIVE**

[www.pezulagolf.com](http://www.pezulagolf.com) | Tel: 044 302 5300

The Championship Golf Course lies high above the Indian Ocean and the vast Knysna lagoon, a sweeping spectacle of fairways and greens rolling through the pristine indigenous landscape. The five different tee options on every hole cater for all skill levels.



**Designed by:** Gary Player  
**Hole:** 18 - **Par:** 72  
**Green: Grass:** Bent Grass  
**Length:** 6001m

**GOOSE VALLEY**

**GOLF COURSE**  
**GOOSE VALLEY | PLETTENBERG | 30 KM | 40 MINUTES DRIVE**

[www.goosevalleygolfclub.com](http://www.goosevalleygolfclub.com) | Tel: 044 533 5082

The Goose Valley Golf Club is situated in pristine surroundings bordering on the Keurbooms Lagoon in Plettenberg Bay. Natural fynbos, indigenous trees and bird life add a special dimension to your golfing experience.

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### I LAGOON CRUISES I



**Sunset Cruise:** Experience the beauty of the Knysna Lagoon

**Operational:** All Year

**Duration:** 2.5 hours

**Age Restriction:** None

*Tours & Times are subject to Springtide Terms & Conditions*

**SPRINGTIDE CHARTERS**  
**KNYSNA WATERFRONT I KNYSNA**

[www.springtide.co.za](http://www.springtide.co.za) | TEL: 082 470 6022

The Outeniqua is a 50ft mono-hull, with a beam of 4m & interior clearance of 1.9m. She was hand built by owner/skipper, Stephan Pepler. The only mono-hull that sails through the majestic sandstone cliffs of the Knysna Heads. *(Weather Permitting)*



PERMITTED WHALE WATCHING  
KNYSNA - GARDEN ROUTE - SOUTH AFRICA

**Close Wale Encounter (JULY to NOVEMBER).** Official whale watching permit holder in the Knysna area. **Duration 2 HRS**

**Ocean Eco & Lagoon Tours** (End of December to June)

**Duration; 1.5 HRS**

**Duration; 1.5 HRS**

*Tours & Times are subject to Ocean Odyssey Terms & Conditions*

**THESEN HARBOUR TOWN I KNYSNA**

[www.oceanodyssey.co.za](http://www.oceanodyssey.co.za) | TEL: 082 852 9402

From close encounter whale to dolphins, birds or seals watching cruises, we've got it all. Or if you would rather just relax while feeling the wind in your hair and the warm African sun on your skin, then why not join us for one of our shorter cruises through the picturesque Knysna Lagoon

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**“Quick Flip” Rib Adventure:** An exciting 35-40 minute adventure to the Knysna Heads & back. If conditions permit we exit the Knysna Heads and explore coastline caves and sea life.  
**Age Restriction:** It is required that all children's feet can touch the deck from a seated position



### KNYSNA RIB ADVENTURE KNYSNA WATERFRONT

[www.knysnaribadventures.co.za](http://www.knysnaribadventures.co.za) | Tel: 076 393 0197

Enjoy a high speed power flip from the Waterfront through the Heads; explore coastal caves and speed between rocks & swells. Our professional skippers rank your safety our highest concern and therefore the route, time of the activity and the cancellation thereof remains at their sole discretion.

*Tours & Times are subject to Boating Adventure Terms & Conditions*



### Several Daily Departures

**Operational:** All Year

**Duration:** 1.1/2 - hour

**Age Restriction:** None

*Tours & Times are subject to John Benn Terms & Conditions*



### JOHN BENN KNYSNA WATERFRONT | FEATHERBED TERMINAL

Tel: 044382 1693

The John Benn is a double-decker boat offering daily Lagoon cruises to the Knysna Heads. Cruise to the Knysna Heads, on a boat steeped in history. A memorable family activity on Knysna Lagoon. Sundowner cruises with fresh Knysna oysters and local beer or sparkling wine. Fully enclosed - not dependent on the weather.

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### | SOFT ACTIVITIES |



#### **The Featherbed Nature Reserve:**

Experience the premier eco-experience on the Garden Route.

**Operational:** All Year

**Duration Morning:** 4.0 hours  
(lunch included)

**Duration Afternoon:** 3.0 hours  
(no lunch)

**Age Restriction:** None

*Tours & Times are subject to  
Featherbed Terms & Conditions*



#### **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FEATHERBED NATURE RESERVE HIKING | LAGOON CRUISE**

**KNYSNA WATERFRONT | FEATHERBED TERMINAL**

**Tel: 044382 1693 / [www.knysnafeatherbed.com](http://www.knysnafeatherbed.com)**

Featherbed is a privately-owned Nature Reserve and a South African Heritage site, No.59. It is a pristine piece of paradise situated on the Western Head of Knysna and is **accessible by ferry only**. This spectacular 3 to 4 hours eco-experience includes a return ferry trip, nature drive and guided walk.



#### **Game Drives:**

Join experienced game rangers for a game drive.

**Operational:** All Year

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Age Restriction:** None

*Tours & Times are subject to  
Plettenberg Game Reserve Terms & Conditions*

#### **OFF THE R340 UPLANDS | PLETTENBERG BAY 45 KM | 1.15 HOUR DRIVE**

**[www.plettenbergbaygamerreserve.co.za](http://www.plettenbergbaygamerreserve.co.za)**

**Tel: 044 281 1051**

Plettenberg Bay Game Reserve with its breathtaking views across the Bay of Beauty, its abundance of wildlife and superb facilities, it offers an exciting safari experience with an excellent chance of spotting four of Africa's Big Five - buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino.

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## TONY COOK ADVENTURES

SLEEP WHEN YOU'RE DEAD!

**KNYSNA WATERFRONT | KNYSNA**

Tel: 082 783 8392 / [www.tonycookadventures.co.za](http://www.tonycookadventures.co.za)



**KNYSNA FOREST TOURS**  
**ESCORTED HIKING, WALKING**  
**AND CANOING TOURS**

Discover the best trails and waterways in the Knysna area. We will collect you from your accommodation and transfer you to the place of your choice.



**KNYSNA MOUNTAIN BIKE TOURS**  
**ESCORTED MOUNTAIN BIKING TOURS**

Guided Half Day/Full Day mountain bike tours on magnificent routes with various landscapes, beautiful indigenous forest, sea views and load of downhill fun! Transportation included. All levels of fitness are catered. Bikes are provided and included in rates.



**SOUTHERN COMFORT**

**HORSEBACK RIDING | 4X4 – QUAD BIKING - HEKERVILLE | 17 KM | 20 MINUTES DRIVE**

**Tel: 044 532 7885 / [www.schranh.co.za](http://www.schranh.co.za)**

Unforgettable forest horse ride or an off-road bike to experience the forest from another angle. Enter the natural and man-made obstacle course over the see-saw followed by waterholes, twisty turns and over 30 obstacles with an adrenaline rush you have never experienced.

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### RIVERDECK ACTIVITIES & DECK RESTAURANT CANOING | FISHING | BUFFELS BAY TURN OFF | 10 KM | 15 MINUTES DRIVE

Tel: 073 488 6341. / [www.riverdeckrestaurant.co.za/activities.html](http://www.riverdeckrestaurant.co.za/activities.html)

Welcome to **RiverDeck Activities** where there is an abundant variety of good, natural fun for everyone. The calm refreshing, rich dark copper coloured waters of the Goukamma River offer great canoeing up or down river while embracing a warm sun under the blue skies. Take the day to meander and explore the river bends and lush surrounding green valley. Try our special **Catch and Release Fishing** spots.

A large collection of one man, two man **canoes**, **hydro-bikes** and **paddle boats** for hire awaits you including life jackets for your safety. A total of 50 canoes available.



### EMZINI TOWNSHIP TOURS ESCORTED DAILY TOWNSHIP TOURS | KNYSNA

Tel: 082 338 6289 / [www.emzinitours.co.za](http://www.emzinitours.co.za)

On the face of it, townships seem merely to be sprawling, chaotic zones. This is to some extent true, but make a point to delve deeper and you will recognize that they are also places of great strength, courage, song and dance, survival and love.

Here, there are no high walls dividing neighbors, and people gather in the streets to live a life in communion. We at Emzini Tours will provide you with a glimpse of this reality, offering insight into the areas that people often shy away from.

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**Buffalo  
Bay  
Horserides**



**Mini  
Magic**  
073 251 3122

**MINIMAGIC (BY RIVERDECK ACTIVITIES)**

**FOREST HORSEBACK RIDING – BUFFELS BAY TURN OFF | 10 KM | 15 MINUTES DRIVE**

**Tel: 073 251 3122 / [www.buffalobayhorserides.co.za](http://www.buffalobayhorserides.co.za)**

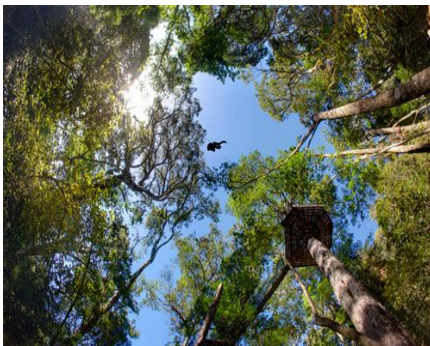
Buffalo Bay Horse Rides offer 1 Hour Forest Horse Trails and 2 Hour Forest Horse Trails. **They also plan to start beach rides soon!** They facilitate horse rides on horses ranging from Thoroughbred down to Miniature. Horses are selected for temperament and dependability.



**BENNIE'S TOURS & TAXI**  
**DAILY TOURS & TRANSPORT IN AND AROUND THE**  
**GARDEN ROUTE AND KNYSNA**

**Tel: 083 728 5181 / [www.benniestours.co.za](http://www.benniestours.co.za)**

From day tour trips around the garden route to fetching you from and back to the airport to shuttle you to your favorite restaurant in Knysna, Bennie helps you getting where you want while in the area.



**TSITSIKAMMA CANOPY TOUR**  
**STORM RIVER VILLAGE | 70 KM | 1.1/2 HOUR DRIVE**

**Tel: 042 281 1836 / [www.tsitsikamacanopytour.co.za](http://www.tsitsikamacanopytour.co.za)**

The **Canopy Tour** takes place in the magnificent Tsitsikamma rainforest. Many of the platforms are built around giant Yellowwood trees that are up to 700 years old! Standing within the crown of these giants and looking down at the lush forest floor below is an experience of a lifetime.

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### | NOT SO SOFT ACTIVITIES |



**FACE ADRENALIN**  
**WORLD'S HIGHEST COMMERCIAL BUNGY JUMP**  
**261 METERS HIGH | 7 SECONDS OF FREE FALL**  
**N2 BLOUKRANS BRIDGE | TISTSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK**  
**60 KM | 50 MINUTES DRIVE**  
**Tel: 042 281 1458 / [www.faceadrenalin.com](http://www.faceadrenalin.com)**

Bloukrans is the World's Highest Commercial Bungy Jump at a whooping 216 m high! A proud record for South Africa. On offer is also a Bridge-walking tour and a "200m Flying Fox" out onto the arch of Africa's largest bridge.



**SKY DIVING PLETT**  
**PLETTENBERG BAY AIRPORT**  
**35 KM | 45 MINUTES DRIVE**  
**Tel: 082 905 7440 / [www.skydiveplett.com](http://www.skydiveplett.com)**

Live life to the full! Experience free-fall over one of the most scenic drop zones in the world. Enjoy a 20 minute plane flight to 10,000 feet, over the Knysna forests and Plettenberg Bay coastline. The adrenaline starts to pump as you exit the plane with your Tandem Master and experience the rush of a 35 second free fall at 200KPH!



**BORN TO FLY | PARAGLADING**  
**GEORGE | 60 KM | 1HR DRIVE**  
**Tel: 072 199 0622/ [www.dolphinparagliding.co.za](http://www.dolphinparagliding.co.za)**

Based in the heart of the **Garden Route, South Africa**, **Dolphin Paragliding** is, in a nut shell, the bee's knees in **paragliding**. Deon Borrett has been flying for 17 years and boasts a **100% safety record**. Dolphin Paragliding also offers gear sales, tours, as well as guiding and equipment rental to ensure only the best flights.

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**HIGHLY RECCOMENED  
KNYSNA ELEPHANT PARK**

**WORLD'S MOST SOUTHERN ELEPHANTS | HAKERVILLE | 25 KM | 30 MINUTES DRIVE**

**Tel: 44 532 7732 / [www.knysnaelephantpark.co.za](http://www.knysnaelephantpark.co.za)**

Get up-close and personal with nature at Knysna Elephant Park. You will learn about the sad and mystical story of the Knysna Elephants. The park offers a rare and exciting opportunity to get close to these gentle giants, who live in a controlled, free range environment.



**HIGHLY RECCOMENDED**

**TENIKWA WILDLIFE AWARENESS CENTRE**

**THE CRAGS | 40 KM | 50 MINUTES DRIVE | Tel: 44 5348170 / [www.tenikwa.co.za](http://www.tenikwa.co.za)**

Tenikwa Wildlife Awareness Centre offers a truly unique Wildcat Experience. Guests are taken on a guided tour to meet captive-bred furry felines, living in a semi-natural environment. So close, you can hear them purr.....

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**MONKEYLAND**

**WORLD'S FIRST FREE ROAMING PRIMARY SANCTUARY**  
**THE CRAGS | 40 KM | 50 MINUTES DRIVE | NEXT BIRDS OF EDEN**

**Tel: 44 534 8906 / [www.monkeyland.co.za](http://www.monkeyland.co.za)**

Visitors are taken on foot on monkey safaris in indigenous forest by game rangers. On these safaris you can expect to see many species of monkeys ranging from the Gibbons of Asia and the Lemurs of Madagascar. All our primates behave, feed and live in a natural environment.

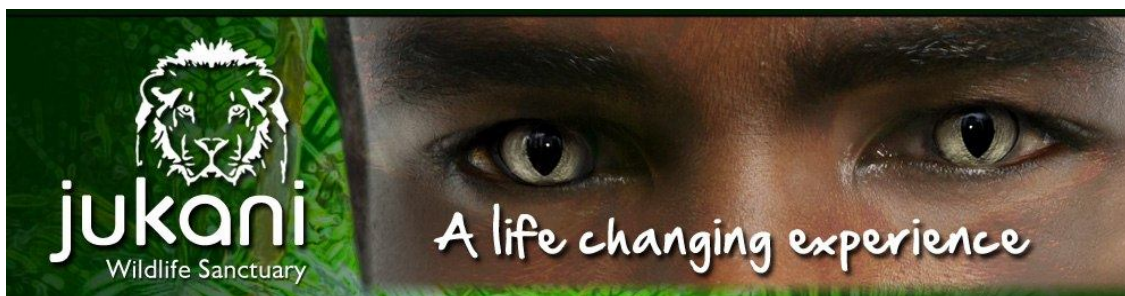


**BIRDS OF EDEN**

**WORLD'S BIGGEST SINGLE FREE FLIGHT AVIARY**  
**THE CRAGS | 40 KM | 50 MINUTES DRIVE | NEXT TO MONKILAND**

**Tel: 044 534 8906 / [www.birdsofeden.co.za](http://www.birdsofeden.co.za)**

The unique two hectare dome (the World's largest) spans over a gorge of indigenous forest.



**JUKANI WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

**THE CRAGS | 40 KM | 50 MINUTES DRIVE / Tel: 044 534 8409 / [www.jukani.co.za](http://www.jukani.co.za)**

Jukani Wildlife Sanctuary is home to big cats such as lions (white and tawny), cheetahs, tigers (Siberian, Bengal and white), leopard, jaguar, pumas, caracal, serval cats and other wildlife species. At Jukani the focus is on conservation education and specifically the plight of large predators in captivity, in South Africa and all over the world

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### **MUSHROOMS FARMING TOURS**

**Abundance Farm | Rheenendal | 15 KM DRIVE**

**Tel: 044 388 4731 / [www.funguys.co.za](http://www.funguys.co.za)**

Funguys Laboratory have been producing top quality cultures and grain spawn. Oyster mushrooms are grown in bags as well as fine cultures of edible and medicinal mushroom species, for those fungal enthusiasts out there. All cultures are developed in house at Abundance Farm.

## | SHOPPING |



### **PORCUPINE CERAMICS**

**“Raku” fired ceramic art pieces richly inspired by the art and animals of Africa**

**KNYSNA QUAYS | KNYSNA**

**Tel: +27 (0)44 3820928 / [porcupineceramic.co.za](http://porcupineceramic.co.za)**

Handcrafted ceramic sculptures, pots, plates and utilitarian items of originality and collectability, reflecting the colours and traditions of Africa, are produced by a collective of local artisans, trained and mentored by Porcupine since 1994.



### **LEATHERS & FEATHERS**

**KNYSNA QUAYS | KNYSNA**

**Tel: 044 382 4693**

Leathers & Feathers sells a superb selection of ostrich leather products – including classic handbags, belts, wallets, purses and key rings. Our range also includes decorated and carved ostrich eggs.

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### **KNYSNA FINE ART LEADERS IN CONTEMPORARY SOUTH AFRICAN ART THESEN HOUSE | LONG STREET | KNYSNA**

**Tel: 044 382 5107 / [www.finearts.co.za](http://www.finearts.co.za)**

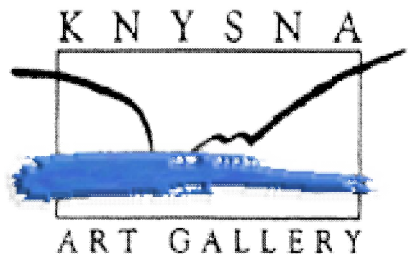
One of South Africa's finest galleries. It specialises in contemporary South African art in a variety of media. The owner is Trent Read, the fifth generation of his family to be a dealer. Trent is considered an expert in contemporary South African art.



### **AFRICAN ATTITUDE ETHNIC ARTS & CRAFTS KNYSNA QUAYS | KNYSNA**

**Tel: 044 523679**

A unique collection of ethnic arts and crafts objects small enough to be taken home



### **OLD GAOL GALLERY AND MARITIME MUSEUM HOME TO THE KNYSNA ART SOCIETY GEORGE STREET (CORNER OF Main Street) | KNYSNA**

**Tel 044 302 6320**

The gallery at the Old Gaol is home to the Knysna Art Society while the rest of the space is the Knysna Maritime Museum, a few walls dedicated to the town's seafaring history, jailed life and local elephants,



### **THE HEATH COMPLEX**

#### **Home to "Ilovani" and The Heath Trading Store On the N2 between Knysna & Plettenberg Bay**

**The Heath**, a collection of bohemian country stalls tucked away in a grove of tall firs. If work is love made visible, it's very evident here. Handcrafted fine furniture at Ilovani and the original **Heath Trading Store** brimming with colourful crafts reflect their creators' oneness with their media.

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## | PLACES TO VISIT |



### BRENTON ON SEA

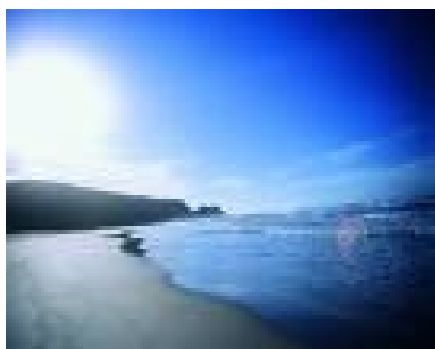
**EXCELLENT FOR SWIMMING & BEACH WALKS**  
 (Swimming is only advisable when lifeguard on duty)  
**BRENTON ON SEA | 16 KM | 30 MINUTES DRIVE**

Home of the famous "Brenton Blue" Butterfly, Brenton on Sea nestles between the Indian Ocean and the hills of Knysna's Western Head. It's golden sands are perfect for walking, sunbathing and fishing. From the cliff top paths, schools of dolphins and whales can be easily spotted



**BUFFEL'S BAY | THE PERFECT DAY OUT**  
**EXCELLENT FOR SWIMMING & BEACH WALKS**  
 (Swimming is only advisable when lifeguard on duty)  
**BUFFEL'S BAY | 20 KM | 35 MINUTES DRIVE**

With fine, sandy beaches stretching all the way to Brenton on Sea, it offers beautiful views and breathtaking sunsets. Buffalo Bay is a family beach with safe swimming and excellent surfing conditions, including a "wild side". Perfect for long walks, beach fishing and whale & dolphin spotting.



**NOETZIE BEACH NATURE RESERVE**  
**EXCELLENT FOR BEACH WALKS**  
**NOETZIE | 11 KM | 30 MINUTES DRIVE ON GRAVEL ROAD**  
**(100 steps down to beach from parking lot)**

Noetzie is one of those places that people remember. For many it is because of the "castles", which have intrigued visitors over the years, and the first question nearly every visitor asks is: "Who built them?" But what really makes Noetzie so special are not the castles, but its natural beauty, much of which is still pristine.

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### **GARDEN OF EDEN**

#### **INTRODUCTORY EASY WALK TO THE KNYSNA FOREST HAKERVILLE AREA | 10 KM | 15 MINUTES DRIVE**

This area of indigenous forest forms part of the larger Knysna Indigenous Forest complex. Forest mammals are usually hidden but tracks of bushbuck, blue duiker, porcupine, caracal, honey badger, porcupine, baboon and vervet monkey may be seen. There are some 40 species of forest birds, including the Knysna loerie. The trail is level and crosses a number of rustic bridges. There is an 800 m “Wheelchair Route” for the physically handicapped. This site was first opened in 1926.



### **KING EDWARD VII BIG TREE**

#### **STARTING POINT TO THE KNYSNA ELEPHANT WALKS DIEPWALLE FOREST | 24 KM | 45 MINUTES ON GRAVEL**

Knysna’s history is interwoven with its rich indigenous forests. For many years the forests were mercilessly robbed of its rich resources. Extensive destruction of the forests occurred due to indiscriminate harvesting of timber. Fortunately, measures were put into place to preserve and maintain the forests: the indigenous state-owned southern Cape forests were closed from 1939 to 1967 to allow regeneration. Today the forests are managed according to strict conservation principles and harvesting is done in a responsible and ecological sensitive manner.



### **VALLEY OF THE FERNS**

#### **FURTHER UP ALONG THE ROAD FROM THE BIG TREE, GENTLE WALK AMONG THE FERNS**

#### **DIEPWALLE FOREST | 35 KM | 1 HOUR DRIVE ON GRAVEL**

The Valley of Ferns is situated on the road between Knysna and Uniondale, approximately 10 km after the Diepwalle forest station. It offers a pleasant, tranquil picnic site and a short walk through the grove of ferns. Stinkwood trees, Ironwood, Red Alder and the Forest Elder may also be seen here.

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### 7 PASSES ROAD

**KNYSNA TO GEORGE | 75 KM | 2 HOURS DRIVE ON  
MIXED TAR & GRAVEL**

This 75 km historic road was completed in 1883. Rivers generally flow in deep gorges on their way from the mountains to the sea, therefore there are seven passes along the way, hence the name of the route. Before the Passes Road were constructed, there was no good overland route between George and Knysna. It was the main road between George and Knysna for almost 70 years, until the National Road (N2) was completed in 1952.



### PLETTENBERG BAY | BAIA FORMOSA PLETTENBERG | 30 KM | 40 MINUTES DRIVE

Plettenberg Bay is the jewel of The Garden Route. It's more than a village, less than a town and is tranquil and charming, hospitable and rather special. Plett (as locals call it) is characterized by sweeping unspoilt golden beaches, a dramatic rocky peninsula and intriguing lagoons.



### ROBBERG PENINSULA NATURE RESERVE STARTING POINT TO THE FAMOUS ROBBERG WALKS PLETTENBERG AIRPORT ROAD | 30 KM | 40 MTNS DRIVE

The Robberg Peninsula is a nature reserve and national monument that lies about 8km south of Plettenberg Bay. The ecology of the Robberg Peninsula is similar to that of other rocky headlands on this coastline. It presents a fine example of how plants and animals adapt to the interacting influences of land and sea. Robberg offers a choice of three walking trails and the famous Nelson's Bay Caves.

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### THE CRAGS

**THE CRAGS | 40 KM | 50 MINUTES DRIVE**  
**MOST ADVENTUROUS PLACE IN THE SOUTHERN**  
**EMISPHERE**

[www.cruisethecrag.co.za](http://www.cruisethecrag.co.za)

The Crag is such a “happening” place, a destination with a difference! 22 activities packed into a 30km radius! Monkeyland, Birds of Eden, Tenikwa Wildlife Awareness Centre, The Bramon Winery, Enrico Restaurant, Nature Valley.....



### NATURE VALLEY

**THE CRAGS | 50 KM | 1 HOUR DRIVE**

Nature's Valley is a small village situated next to a beautiful lagoon, enfolded with mountainous forest with rich fauna flora and a bird watchers paradise. Bottle nosed dolphins can be seen in the waves with whales visiting here in early summer.



### OUTSHOORN

**OUTSHOORN | 120 KM | 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES**  
**SEE DAY TRIPS AT END OF DOCUMENT**

Oudtshoorn is situated on the edge of the Garden Route, between the Outeniqua and Swartberg Mountain Passes. Its fertile valleys are encompassed by the Swartberg Mountains to the north and the Outeniqua Mountains to the south.



### TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK

**TSITSIKAMMA | 70 KM | 1.1/2 HOUR DRIVE**  
**SEE DAY TRIPS AT END OF DOCUMENT**

The Tsitsikamma National Park is Africa's oldest, largest and most beautiful Marine Reserve. This makes the Tsitsikamma the country's prime Eco Tourism destination. Adventure seekers will revel in the diverse range of activities. Alternatively, visitors may simply relax and unwind for a day or two in a supremely tranquil and pristine wonderland of forest, mountain and sea.

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### | DAY TRIPS |

#### KLEIN KAROO | OUDTSHOORN FULL DAY TRIP

**Itinerary:** Knysna | George | Outeniqua Pass | Ostrich Farm | Cango Caves | Summit of the Swartberg Pass (Die Top) | Oudtshoorn | George | Knysna



**Distance:** Approximately **344 kilometers | 9 Hours and 30 Minutes (5 hours of driving and 4 hours and 30 minutes of amazing attractions.** (Distances and Drive Times are approximate)



The Klein Karoo or Little Karoo is a long valley bordered by the Swartberg Mountains to the north and the Langeberg / Outeniqua Mountains to the south. This is the land of succulents - their thick, fleshy diversity unparalleled anywhere else in the world. Visitors testify of the regions distinctive geology, the friendliness of its people and the mystique of the landscape. Today the Ostrich Farms, together with the Cango Caves - a series of subterranean chambers - are the main draws to the region, but it is the Swartberg Pass - rated one of the most spectacular drives in Africa - the unique sandstone architecture and the Afrikaans ambience of the Towns that makes no Garden Route itinerary complete without a visit to the Klein Karoo.

Enjoy the relaxed, and hospitable atmosphere offered in the area. Some of the attractions in the Klein Karoo and around Oudtshoorn are:

**The Cango Caves:** One of the world's great natural wonders, sculptured by nature through the ages. It is situated close to Town of Oudtshoorn. Mysterious and breathtaking limestone formations in a wide variety of natural colours, a subterranean wonderland. Regular guided tours daily.

**The Ostriches:** Amidst the 400 ostrich farms surrounding the town, there are several distinguished "show farms". Become exposed to this exotic bird species, the largest in the world. Guided tours available.

**Crocodiles:** Gaze with the awe at the slithering reptiles' species from all over the world. Imagine... more than 400 crocodiles and alligators in their prehistoric unattractiveness. They're being bred here and they're awfully nice, as long as you don't get too close!

**Cheetahs:** A highly successful breeding station of this threatened species, one of the only two in the southern hemisphere. You can get yourself photographed cuddling a cheetah cub, the fastest animal on land.

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### TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK & SURROUNDINGS FULL DAY TRIP

**Itinerary:** Knysna | Garden of Eden | Knysna Elephant Park | Plettenberg Bay | The Craggs | Nature Valley | Bloukrans Bridge | Tsitsikamma National Park | Knysna

**Distance:** Approximately **200 kilometers | 6 Hours** (2 hours and **30 minutes driving and 3 hours and 30 minutes** of amazing attractions. (Distances and Drive Times are approximate)

The Tsitsikamma National Park is situated at the heart of the picturesque tourist region known as the Garden Route, found in the Southern Cape of South Africa. Tsitsikamma is a Khoisan word meaning, “place of much water”. The Park incorporates 80 km of rocky coastline with spectacular sea and landscapes, a remote mountainous region with secluded valleys covered in mountain Fynbos and temperate high forests with deep river gorges leading down to the sea.

The Tsitsikamma's spectacular scenery includes the Indian Ocean breakers, pounding rocky shores beneath 180 m high cliffs, ever-green forests and fynbos (proteas and heath) rolling down to the sea in a lush carpet where ancient rivers have carved their path to the ocean through rocky ravines. All this conspires to attract large numbers of international and local tourist to the Park.

Tsitsikamma National Park protects a wonderland of inter-tidal and marine life. This is one of the largest single unit 'no take' (including fishing) Marine Protected Areas in the world, conserving 11% of South Africa's Temperate South Coast rocky shoreline and provides a 'laboratory' for fisheries baseline research on endangered fish species. In 1964 when it was proclaimed, it became the first Marine National Park to be proclaimed in Africa.



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