

MOSSSEL BAY • GARDEN ROUTE COAST • SOUTH AFRICA

Things to do in Mossel Bay



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Mossel Bay. Do stuff.

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Do beach stuff, adventure stuff, holiday stuff, exciting stuff, relaxing stuff: Mossel Bay is the Do Stuff Destination for you – and for your family, of course.

This brochure's designed to give you a quick overview of all the stuff you can do in Mossel Bay. If you need more detail, please go to www.visitmosselbay.co.za – or visit us in person at Mossel Bay Tourism, on the corner of Church and Market Streets, in the CBD. We're there every day of the week.

More Stuff To Do in Mossel Bay: Visit the Great Brak River Museum or the Cape St. Blaize Cave – or join a tour of the Pinnacle Point Caves – and learn why Mossel Bay is considered the birthplace of culture and advanced technology.



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ADRENALIN

● AE Diving

Abseiling and sport rock climbing on ocean-facing cliffs (10 to 60 metres height). Top roping. Scuba diving, Tec diving, Nitrox fills and Trimix courses available. Team-building for corporates or schools on request.

www.adventurededge.co.za 044 692 0313
Beach Boulevard, Diaz Beach

● Billeon Sand Boarding

Score the longest ride in South Africa on the insane 300m Dragon Dune. Prominent South Westerly winds keep the sand in top shape, and with no rocks or bushes in the way, you're guaranteed a smooth and exhilarating ride – with spectacular views and regular sightings of whales and dolphins. Suitable for all levels and ages, individuals and groups.

www.billeon.com 082 971 1405
Shop: Field St., Mossel Bay
Dune boarding: on private land, west of Mossel Bay

● Mossel Bay Adventures

A one-stop adventure experience. Day tours, kayaking, kayak fishing, kayak equipment, spearfishing, fishing tackle, hiking, team building, cycling, paintball.

www.mossadventures.co.za 071 285 6538
Church Street (opposite Mossel Bay Tourism)

AERO

● Mossel Bay Airfield

Home of the Mossel Bay Aero Club. Fully certified by the CAA. 1,100 m tarred main runway (09/27), with an emergency runway (02/20), control tower, taxiways, runway lights, fueling facilities (Avgas 100LL), and complimentary tie-down facilities. Also a clubhouse lounge with bar and kitchen, and braai areas. Controlled by George Airport and available for private non-scheduled flights.

www.mosselbayaero.com 044 695 4025
Mossel Bay Airfield, Aalwyndal (10 minutes from Mossel Bay's CBD)

● Mossel Bay Helicopters

Scenic flights over the Mossel Bay area.

www.mosselbayhelicopters.co.za 044 695 1660
Bergsig Game Farm, Matjiesdrif, R328.

● Skydive Mossel Bay

Tandem skydiving and static line and formation skydive training in the most scenic drop zone in South Africa. Landing areas at the airfield and at Diaz Beach. Cessna 182 (4 jumpers/load), and Cessna 206 (6 jumpers/load). Clubhouse with excellent restaurant for relaxing between jumps – try their famous Bonanza Breakfast!

www.skydivemosselbay.com 082 824 8599
Mossel Bay Airfield

ATTRACTIONS

● Aloe Ferox Factory

Informative tours to see how aloes are processed. Factory shop stocks cosmetic and health care products, as well as delicacies, and pet care products. Tour groups welcome.

www.aloeferoxafrika.com 028 735 2504
N2, between Mossel Bay and Albertinia.

● Model Shipyard

Watch craftsmen designing and building model ships – including the much acclaimed Stephens & Kenau range of museum quality models; custom projects for film and interior design; and admiralty-style models (plank-on-frame – with the inside of the hull an exact miniature of the original). Suppliers of self-build kits.

www.shipyard.co.za 044 691 1531
Shop 16, Ocean View Mall, Bland St., Mossel Bay



● The Shark Lab

An intimate aquarium and research facility designed to introduce you to the wonders of Africa's sharks. Enjoy one-on-one tours with resident aquarists, meet resident sharks, and view research experiments in progress. Lectures and shark dissections for tour and school groups by arrangement (English, Afrikaans, Xhosa, Italian, etc).

www.shark-lab.co.za 044 690 5799
The Point, Mossel Bay



BEACHES

Beach Information

044 606 5000

● Boggoms Bay

1 km of beach; 2 swimming areas; 30 minutes from town centre.

● Dana Bay

2 swimming areas; ablutions; braai facilities; look-out point for whales and dolphins; 20 minutes from town centre.

● De Bakke Beach, Mossel Bay (Blue Flag Beach - seasonal)

Caravan park & chalets; ablutions; swimming area; angling; 5 minutes from town centre.



● Diaz Beach, Mossel Bay

3 km of beach; 2 swimming areas; ablutions; social areas; 5 minutes from town centre.

● Eiland Beach, Great Brak River

River-front & ocean swimming areas; ablutions; 20 minutes from town centre.

● Glentana Beach, between Mossel Bay & George

4 km beach; braai facilities; day camp; ablutions; 30 minutes from town centre.

● Hartenbos Beach (Blue Flag Beach - seasonal)

6 km of beach; 3 swimming areas; ablutions; 20 minutes from town centre.



● Little Brak River Beach (Blue Flag Beach – seasonal)

3 km of beach; boat launching; ablutions; 25 minutes from town centre.



● Outeniqua Beach, between Mossel Bay & George

6 km of beach; 4 swimming areas; ablutions; 30 minutes from town centre.

● Santos Beach, Mossel Bay (Blue Flag Beach - seasonal)

1 km of swimming area; restaurant; caravan park; ablutions; angling; 3 minutes from town centre.



● Tergniet / Rheeboek Beach, Little Brak River

8 km of beach; 4 swimming areas; tidal pools; ablutions; 25 minutes from town centre.

● The Point, Mossel Bay

3 km-long walkway on the rocks; tidal pools; children's play areas; 6 restaurants; ablutions; surfing; 3 minutes from town centre.

BEAUTY SALONS & SPAS

● Botlierskop Spa

Massages, facials, body scrubs and wraps, hand and feet treatments, etc. Situated on a riverbank and surrounded by magnificent mountain scenery. Two treatment rooms.

www.botlierskop.co.za 044 696 6055
Botlierskop, Klein Brak River

● Garden Court Mossel Bay Spa

Relax, rejuvenate, be pampered. Massages, Bali spa rituals and spa skin treatments using Rain products. Four treatment rooms and a sauna (hotel guests may use the sauna with our compliments).

www.tsogosun.com 044 693 2800
1 Point Road, Mossel Bay

● Garden Route Game Lodge Bush Spa

Treat yourself! Body treatments, hand and feet treatments, massages, and facials.

www.grgamelodge.co.za 028 735 1200
N2 (between Mossel Bay and Albertinia)

● La Dolce Vita Salon & Day Spa

Acrylic or gel nails, manicures, pedicures, facials, body massages, waxing, lash extensions, hair salon, and all hair treatments. Environ, Hannon, Dermalogica, Bio-sculpture, GHD, and Paul Mitchell products.

www.salon-ladolcevita.co.za 082 308 8495
Shop 7, Bay View Centre, Church Street, Mossel Bay

BIRD WATCHING

● Eight Bells Mountain Inn

Mountain scenery, marked hiking trails, forest and fynbos vegetation, and abundant bird life.

www.eightbells.co.za 044 631 0000
Ruiterbos, R328

● Garden Route Game Lodge

Take a leisurely stroll along our bird trail to view many of the local species.

www.grgamelodge.co.za 028 735 1200
N2 (between Mossel Bay and Albertinia)

● Gondwana Game Reserve

Open grass plains and plateaus, wetlands, rolling fynbos, renosterveld, riverine and sub-tropical thicket, valleys and cliff faces – Gondwana provides different habitats for a large variety of birds: Denham's bustard, blue crane, african fish eagle, Verreaux's eagle, ostrich, secretary bird, jackal buzzard, African stone chat, Cape grassbird, malachite sunbird, black crowned night heron and bokmakierie, and more.

www.gondwanagr.co.za 044 697 7002
Herbertsdale

● Hartenbos Private Game Lodge

Fynbos property with 10 species of antelope, 135 species of birds (including Knysna loerie), zebra leopard, and aardwolf. Just 15 km from the best Blue Flag Beaches in South Africa.

www.hartenbosgamelodge.co.za 079 675 2718
Goedemoed Road, near Hartenbos

● Skaapplaas Guest Farm

Excellent birding. Accredited 10 km hiking trail (5 to 6 hours) with indigenous forest, fynbos, mountain streams, waterfalls, and natural pools.

www.ruiterbos.com/skaapplaas.php 044 631 0035



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MOSSEL BAY ARTS & CULTURE

● Mossel Bay's Art Route

● Mossel Bay's arts and culture web site provides information about visiting local artists, crafters, designers, craft food- and drink-makers, and other creative people in their homes, studios, or factories. There's also information about museums and galleries, antiques and collectables shopping, and festivals - and about exploring the archaeology of the area (which has revealed the earliest evidence for modern human behaviour).



www.mosselbayart.co.za

044 691 2202

● ATKV-Hartenbos Museum

A museum of the Great Trek (1836-38), and South Africa's famous voortrekkers. Objects from the Great Trek as well as the Commemorative Trek of 1938 are displayed in nine themed rooms (preparation for the journey; outspan; repair and maintenance; games, song and dance; women's activities, etc.). Tour groups welcome.

www.hartenbos.co.za
Hartenbos

044 601 7243

● Back Road Safaris

Explore the quiet roads of the beautiful Garden Route. 'Meet The People' tours for visitors wanting meaningful cultural exchanges; safaris, tours, adventure holidays, mountain, coastal and forest walks and trails. Online reservations for hotels, accommodation, transportation and vehicle hire through the worldwide WHL network.

www.backroadsafaris.co.za
Da Gama Street, Mossel Bay

083 262 2307

● Cape St. Blaize Cave

A popular whale-watching spot, an ancient shelter, and an important archaeological site dating back 80,000 years. Situated beneath the St. Blaize Lighthouse, at the start of the St. Blaize Trail. Sign posted with information about archaeology and whales. Tour bus parking.

www.visitmosselbay.co.za/archaeology
The Point Area, Mossel Bay

044 691 2202

● Craft Art Workshop

Collective space where local artists display work, exhibit, sell, and teach. Perfect for tour groups - with many products designed with packing and travelling in mind.

www.mosselbayart.co.za
Market St, Mossel Bay (next to the Tourism Office)

044 691 1761



● Dias Museum Complex

Send a specially franked card from the world's oldest post office – Mossel Bay's Post Office Tree. Also in the Complex:

- South Africa's largest shell museum.
- The Maritime Museum - houses a full-size replica of Bartolomeu Dias' caravel, the ship in which he became the first Portuguese navigator to land in South Africa (in February 1488).
- An indigenous ethno-botanical garden - with a Braille Trail, Malay graves, a replica of the padrao (commemorative cross) which Dias erected during his visit, and the spring from which Dias and his crew drew water.

Please watch www.visitmosselbay.co.za/calendar for notice of concerts in the Maritime Museum. The Dias Museum Complex welcomes tour groups.

www.diasmuseum.co.za

044 691 1067

Market St., Mossel Bay (opposite the Tourism Information Office)

● Footprints

Personalised heritage tours with special reference to the history of Mossel Bay's indigenous people. Cultural tours of the Dias Museum Complex, historical sites in Mossel Bay, mission stations, the Cape St. Blaize Cave, St. Blaize Trail, etc.

footprintsmossbay@gmail.com

073 240 7898

Dial Brand Street, Mossel Bay

● Great Brak River Museum

The history of Great Brak River (established 1859); Human Origins exhibit which places the local community in the context of the history of modern human development; photographs dating back to 1881; household, military and other collections. Visits to the village's restored hydropower station (1924) on request. Suitable for tour groups.

www.greatbrakriver.co.za

044 620 3338

Amy Searle Street, Great Brak River





CYCLING

Please collect your **Mossel Bay Cycling Map** from Mossel Bay Tourism or download it from www.visitmosselbay.co.za

● **Bonniedale Holiday Farm**

Dirt roads, 4x4 trails and some insane single track through the Grootkloof and neighbouring Attaquaskloof make Bonnieedale an important mountain biking destination. Self-catering accommodation and camping are available.

www.bonniedale.com

044 695 3175

Attaquaskloof, near Ruiterbos (off the R328)

● **Eight Bells Mountain Inn**

160 hectare estate with scenic trails through forest and fynbos.

www.eightbells.co.za

044 631 0000

Off the R328, near Ruiterbos

● **Jakkalsvlei Private Cellar**

This unique, off the beaten track wine farm welcomes picnickers (bring your own meal!), walkers and mountain bikers.

www.jakkalsvlei.co.za

028 735 2061

R327 (near Herbertsdale)

Cycling Clubs

The **GROMOS MTB Club** for mountain bikers, and **le Peloton** for roadies are run by volunteers whose contact numbers change from time to time.

Please call Mossel Bay Tourism (044 691 22023) or go to www.visitmosselbay.co.za/cycling for details.



HUMAN ORIGINS

162,000 YEARS OF HOLIDAYS IN MOSSEL BAY

Why did our ancestors live in Mossel Bay? And how? And what did they learn here?

Answers to questions like these are coming out of Mossel Bay's Pinnacle Point Caves through the ongoing work of scientists attached to the SACP4 Project (the South African Coastal Palaeoclimate, Palaeo-environment, Palaeoecology, and Palaeoanthropology Project – led by Curtis Marean, an associate director of the Institute of Human Origins, and professor at the School of Human Evolution and Social Change at Arizona State University).

Genetic and anatomical evidence shows that modern humans appeared in Africa a little less than 200,000 years ago. But we came close to extinction during an ice age that lasted from 195,000 to 125,000 years ago – a period during which only six or seven small parts of the continent remained habitable. The area we now know as the Garden Route was one of those refuges.

The Pinnacle Point Caves have revealed the earliest evidence for human behaviour starting at about 162,000 years ago: systematic harvesting of the sea, the earliest evidence for the use of ochre (our earliest paint), the earliest evidence for complex technology, and the earliest use of fire as an engineering tool.

But Pinnacle Point is also important because studies of dripstone formations in the Caves have revealed detailed information about water and climate over the period 400,000 to 30,000 years ago. Put together with the evidence of human habitation starting at 162,000 years ago, this could hold clues as to how we survived climate change in the past – and what we might face in the future.

More information: www.visitmosselbay.co.za/archaeology



EXPLORE OUR BEGINNINGS

● Point of Human Origins Experience

An illustrated lecture and discussion about where we've come from – and where we might be going – together with a visit to the Pinnacle Point Caves in the company of Dr. Peter Nilssen (who introduced the sites to science). Tours are available on selected dates, and entry to the Caves is limited to groups of about 12 people.

www.humanorigin.co.za

044 699 1204

Club House, Pinnacle Point Beach & Golf Resort

● Great Brak River Museum

An exhibition of human origins which explores how the local community fits into the history of the last 162,000 years. Suitable for tour groups.

www.ourheritage.org.za

044 620 3338

Amy Searle Street, Great Brak River

● Cape St. Blaize Cave

In the cliff below the St. Blaize Lighthouse; contains a record of more than 80,000 years of human habitation. Signage explains life on our shores in ancient times. Excellent whale and dolphin watching spot. Suitable for tour groups.

www.visitmosselbay.co.za/adventures/cape-st-blaize-cave
The Point Road, Mossel Bay





photo © Jemima Zihaleva

ENTERTAINMENT

● De Dekke

Shops and De Dekke Restaurant & Ladies Bar (family dining, live entertainment on Wednesdays and weekends, functions and events venue). Suitable for tour groups.

www.dedekke.co.za

044 620 2531

Off the N2, Great Brak River

● Monroe Theatre

Live shows, vintage movies and traditional high teas in an intimate, café style, 30-seater theatre in Déjà Vu Vintage House. Dealers in antiques and collectables. Vintage clothing rentals.

www.vintagehouse.co.za

082 338 4364

7 Marsh Street, Mossel Bay

● The Barn Mossel Bay

Theatre offering a constantly changing programme of live performances. Warm and unique atmosphere. Bring your own picnic basket or book a meal in advance for supper and a show. Tour groups by arrangement.

www.thebarnyard.co.za

044 698 1022

Rietvlei Farm, off the N2 (direction Cape Town)

● The Garden Route Casino, Hotel & Entertainment Complex

Casino with 412 slots, Black Jack, roulette, table games and many more. Entertainment venues (Bravo Lounge, Red Cherry Café, The Admirals Buffet) and kids' play area. Adjoins the Garden Court Mossel Bay with its rejuvenating spa, and adjacent to the Pinnacle Point Beach & Golf Resort.

www.gardenroutecasino.co.za

044 606 7777

Off Louis Fourie Road, Mossel Bay

FAMILY

● ATKV Hartenbos Holiday Resort

Heated indoor swimming pool, outdoor pool, putt-putt, trampolines, tennis, bowls, video games, and the ATKV Hartenbos Museum of the Great Trek. Discover the poetry of Afrikaans on the ATKV walk – a 2 km stroll along the seafront featuring works by sixteen famous poets.

www.hartenbos.co.za and www.atkv.org.za

044 601 7200

Kaap De Goede Hoop Ave., Hartenbos

● **Blasters Family Entertainment Centre**

Restaurant; braai terrace; live music; blacklight mini golf; paintless paint ball (which takes the mess out of paintball and puts the pain back into laser tag); padded jungle gyms for toddlers and children up to 12; ball battle (for older kids), etc. Conferencing and team building.

www.blasters.co.za 044 692 0521
Mascador St., Voorbaai, Mossel Bay

● **Eight Bells Mountain Inn**

Historic hotel in the mountains. Swimming pool; tennis and squash courts; bowling green; hiking and mountain bike trails; birding; guided horse trails; beginners paddock rides; children's donkey cart rides; children's playground and games room, tea garden, etc. Day visitors welcome. Ideal for tour groups.

www.eightbells.co.za 044 631 0000
Off the R328, near Ruitersbos

● **Fanta Sea @ The Point**

Fun and games for the whole family. Putt-putt, trampolines, water balls, skate park, etc. On-site restaurant offering waffles, pancakes and real Italian ice cream

Point Road, Mossel Bay 071 697 6941

● **Harry Giddey Park**

Public park in the CBD with touch farm, picnic areas, and bowls club.
www.visitmosselbay.co.za 044 691 2202
Marsh Street, Mossel Bay

FESTIVALS

Mossel Bay. Do ^{festival} stuff.

Please visit our web site for news, dates, and programmes of these and other great events:

Dias Festival	February
Mossel Bay Sports Festival	October
Travel Mossel Bay!	October

www.visitmosselbay.co.za/festivals



GAME SANCTUARIES & GAME VIEWING

● **Bergsig Game Farm**

3,000 hectares of mountains, valleys, savannah, thick bushveld, and fynbos. More than 30 species of game and 100 species of birds. Hunting, game drives, fynbos walks, helicopter charter, and game counts, capture and management.

www.gardenroutegamefarm.co.za 044 695 1660
Matjiesdrif, off the R328 (towards Brandwag)

● **Botlierskop Private Game Reserve**

Three-hour 4x4 guided game viewing in open vehicles for close encounters with rhinoceros, lion, buffalo, giraffe, rare black impala, and many more. Or for a real African thrill, ride an elephant (30 or 60 minutes) and enjoy interacting with, feeding and touching these extraordinary, gentle animals.

www.botlierskop.co.za 044 696 6055
Little Brak River

● **Garden Route Game Lodge**

Welcomes day visitors and overnight guests. 2½ hour guided game drives on open Land Rovers (morning and evening departures). The reserve is home to the Big 5 as well as giraffe, zebra, hippo, wildebeest, antelope, and free roaming cheetahs.

www.grgame lodge.co.za 028 735 1200
N2 (between Mossel Bay and Albertinia)

● **Gondwana Game Reserve**

The Big 5 in a Cape Floral Kingdom setting. Game drives in open Land Rovers with expert field guides. Guests on fully-inclusive packages enjoy morning safaris with gourmet breakfast treats and afternoon safaris with hors d'oeuvres and sundowners. Morning or afternoon drives for day visitors, too.

www.gondwanagr.co.za 044 697 7002
Off the N2 (Herbertsdale Exit)

● **Hartenbos Private Game Lodge**

Fynbos property with 10 species of antelope, 135 species of birds (including Knysna loerie), zebra leopard, and aardwolf. Just 15 km from the best Blue Flag Beaches in South Africa.

www.hartenbosgame lodge.co.za 079 675 2718
Goedemoed Road, near Hartenbos

● **Nyarugame Lodge**

Welcomes day visitors and overnight guests. 2½ hour guided 4x4 game drives and quad bike safaris. Meals by arrangement. Ideal for tour groups.

www.nyarugame.co.za 082 715 1933
Brandwag (off the R328)



● **Zorgfontein Reserve**

Find your pride... walk with African fions for an hour. No leashes or collars – just a wild nature adventure and a-once-in-a lifetime experience.

www.botlierskop.co.za

044 696 6055

Off the N2 at Little Brak River

GOLF

● **Adventure Golf**

Mini golf (open only during holiday season).

www.diazbeach.co.za

044 692 8400

Diaz Strand Hotel & Resort, Beach Boulevard, Diaz Beach

● **Dolphin's Creek Golf Estate**

This 9 hole, par 36 executive course welcomes visitors. Rental trolleys, rental clubs, and a pro shop, bar, and halfway house are available.

Morrison Road, Great Brak

044 620 3278

● **Mossel Bay Golf Club**

18 hole, par 72 links-style course (5,940 m). This friendly club – where 'You can see the sea from every tee' – welcomes visitors (booking is required). Wednesdays, Saturdays and public holidays are competition days. Pro shop, driving range, golf lessons, carts, caddies, restaurant, bars, and accommodation are available.

www.mosselbaygolfclub.co.za

044 691 2379

17th Ave., Mossel Bay

● **Pinnacle Point Beach & Golf Resort**

Dramatic cliff-side, 18 hole, par 72 links course (6,465 m). The Resort welcomes all golfers, but numbers are limited in order to ensure exclusivity for members and guests. Accommodation is available.

www.pinnaclepoint.co.za

044 693 3438

Pinnacle Point Road, Mossel Bay

HIKING

● **Bonniedale Holiday Farm**

1,650 ha fynbos farm surrounded by the Attaquaskloof Nature Reserve. 4x4 routes (suitable for on/off road motorcycles), hiking, 130 m foefie slide, mountain biking and horse riding. Fynbos, rock pools and Khoisan rock art sites to explore. Day visitors and children welcome. Accommodation and camping available.

www.bonniedale.com

044 695 3175

Attaquaskloof, near Ruiterbos (off the R328)

● Cape St. Blaize Hiking Trail

13.5 km hiking trail on a contour path along the cliffs west of Mossel Bay. Begins at the Cape St. Blaize Cave. Excellent whale watching in season.

www.visitmosselbay.co.za 044 691 2202
The Point to Malva Road, Dana Bay

● Gondwana Game Reserve

Explore the fynbos – the smallest, but richest of the world's six floral kingdoms – with experienced field guides who know the bush and its secrets intimately.

www.gondwanagr.co.za 044 697 7002
Off the N2 (Herbertsdale exit)

● Hunter Gatherer Trail

4-day, guided trail from Mossel Bay to the Gourits River. Includes fishing, kayaking, and overnight camping. A 'back to basics' experience exploring the habits and legacies of ancient beach dwellers – from late Stone Age wanderers to the more recent Khoi San. Self catered or 'rat packs' (rations) supplied.

www.oystercatchertrail.co.za 044 699 1204
Boggomsbaai



photo © Jenya Zhvaleva

● Oystercatcher Trail

Portered, guided hiking trail along the beach and through the fynbos between Mossel Bay and Gourits. Luxury catering and accommodation. You carry only your day pack: your luggage is sent forward by road. 4- or 5-night options available. A truly eye-opening and educational experience. Suitable for small tour groups.

www.oystercatchertrail.co.za 044 699 1204
Boggomsbaai

● The Rooster Trails

Colour-coded and signposted trails on the 160 hectare estate at Eight Bells Mountain Inn. Some sections are suitable for jogging and mountain biking. Maps and information available from reception.

www.eightbells.co.za 044 631 0000
Off the R328, near Ruitersbos

HORSES

● Botlierskop Private Game Reserve

Escape to the majestic valleys and beautiful fynbos of Botlierskop for a 1.2 or 3-hour-long horseback safari. A unique experience of nature.

www.botlierskop.co.za 044 696 6055
Little Brak River

● Eight Bells Mountain Inn

160 hectare estate with scenic trails through forest and fynbos. Horses are available for both novice and experienced riders, and riding caps are provided. Guided out-rides and paddock rides every morning and afternoon. Donkey cart rides for children every day after breakfast (weather permitting).

www.eightbells.co.za 044 631 0000
Off the R328, near Ruitersbos

● Outeniqua Moon Percheron Stud

Meet and pet gentle Percherons (draft horses) and enjoy horse cart and pony rides. For kids, a magical children's playground with castle, pony rockers, and swings. Accommodation available. Suitable for small tour groups.

www.outeniquamoon.co.za 044 631 0093
Ruitersbos (off the R328)

● SeaHorse Eco Safaris

Unique, adventurous and educational horseback safari experiences in the coastal thicket, mobile dunes, and rare Renosterveld of the Vleesbaai area. Riding school, day rides, and riding packages that include accommodation. Maximum 4 guests per group.

www.seahorseecosafaris.co.za 079 883 5386
Vleesbaai

LANDMARKS

● Mossel Bay Historical Walk

Please collect a copy of our Historical Walk map from Mossel Bay Tourism, or download an e-copy from www.visitmosselbay.co.za.

Mossel Bay Tourism,
corner Church and Market Sts. 044 691 2202

● Santos Pavilion

One of only two Victorian beach pavilions still in use. Built in 1906 by a local contractor after the architect visited England to study the Brighton Pavilion. It now houses a restaurant. Suitable for tour groups.

Santos Beach, Mossel Bay 044 690 4567





photo © Jemima Zhivaleva

● **St. Blaize Lighthouse**

A beacon for navigators since 1864. The original clockwork mechanism that turned the light required 24-hour maintenance because it needed winding every three hours – automation only came in the mid 1970s. The lighthouse is now open for tours from Monday to Friday (10h00 – 15.00).

www.transnetnationalportsauthority.net
Montagu Street, Mossel Bay

044 690 3015

OCEAN & WATER SPORTS

Note: Fishing Licenses

Anyone who goes fishing - including guests on fishing charters and fishing tours - must possess valid fishing licenses. These are available from the Post Office in Marsh Street.

● **AE Diving**

Shore entry and boat-based dive charters with qualified instructors and dive masters. Discover SCUBA Diving courses. PADI courses to professional dive master or instructor. AINTD Tech-Diving courses and gas blending. Skin diving courses for spear fishermen. Snorkelling.

www.adventurededge.co.za
Beach Boulevard, Diaz Beach

082 940 6935

● **Billeon Surf School**

Bugs Billeon teaches the basics of surfing (paddling, standing up, riding waves) – and Mossel Bay has excellent waves. Age is no barrier at 'The longest running surf school on the Garden Route,' where people in their 50s and 60s have learned to surf. (Also suitable for youngsters and kids...)

www.billeon.com
Field St., Mossel Bay

082 971 1405

● **Electrodive**

NAUI, PADI, and CMAS courses – from beginner to instructor trainer; Emergency First Responder (EFR) first aid courses; SCUBA and spear fishing trips; boat charters and boat-based snorkel trips; equipment sales, rental and servicing (including air fills and cylinder testing). Underwater hockey and underwater hockey coaching.

www.electrodive.co.za
Field St., Mossel Bay

082 561 1259

● **Garden Route Sailing Academy**

Training for beginners as well as intermediate and advanced sailors. All equipment and sailing craft are supplied, all courses are internationally certified, and the Academy's coaches hold international qualifications.

www.sailingrsa.co.za
Mossel Bay Yacht Club, off Church Street

082 826 3825

● Hooked Up Fishing Charters

Exciting, memorable, safe, and informative and educational fishing experiences. Hooked Up Charters will hook you up – whether you're a seasoned angler looking for a trophy catch or a beginner with no boating or fishing experience.

www.hookedupmosselbay.co.za
Quay 4, Mossel Bay Municipal Slipway

084 626 3190

● Mossel Bay Deep Sea Fishing Adventures

Morning or afternoon fishing charters aboard the Buttcats 'Dreamcatcher' (10 passengers), 'Dankie Pa' or 'Nikita' (both 12 passengers) - for species like red roman, red stumpnose, santer, red steenbras, carpenter, kabeljou (cob), shad, bonito, shark. Tackle and bait supplied. Children welcome (preferably 6 or older). Suitable for team building.

www.deepseaadventures.co.za
Quay 4, Mossel Bay Municipal Slipway

072 454 2988



● Romonza

Boat trips to Seal Island. Hourly departures from 10h00 to 16h00 throughout the year. Permitted boat-based whale watching with specially qualified whale guides for up to 50 passengers. 1½ to 2-hour Eco-Marine Safaris. Sunset and private cruises. Ideal for tour groups.

www.mosselbay.co.za/romonza
Municipal Slipway, off Church Street

044 690 3101

● Waves S'cool of Surfing

Llewellyn Whitaker (5 years in the top 100 of surfing's World Qualifying Series) shares his knowledge and experience with every level of surfer. Coaching for individuals and groups (maximum 4), with all sessions videoed for later analysis and instruction. Also custom surf tours, and 6-day surfing tours of Mossel Bay.

www.wavesschoolofsurfing.com
47 Marsh St., Mossel Bay

044 6911 540

PHOTO EQUIPMENT & PRINTING

● Foto First

www.fotofirstmb.co.za
Langeberg Mall, Voorbaai

044 695 2858

● Kodak Heiderand

Mossel Bay Mall, Heiderand

044 693 1121

SHARK CAGE DIVING

● White Shark Africa

Shark cage diving aboard the 11.5 m 'Shark Warrior.' Wet suits, dive equipment and catering are provided. Non-divers enjoy top-side viewing. Suitable for small tour groups.

www.whitesharkafrica.com
Checkers Bayside Centre, 7 Church Street (opposite the Dias Museum)

044 691 3796

SHOPPING

● Bayside Centre

Shops, pharmacy, travel agency, day spa, ATMs, restaurant.

Corner Church & Bland Streets, Mossel Bay

044 690 7426

● Bayview Centre & Mossel Bay Super Spar

Shops and restaurants.

Corner Louis Fourie Rd. & Alhof Dr., Da Nova

044 690 3007

● Eden Plaza

Shops and food stores next door to the Dias Museum Complex.

8 Grave Street, Mossel Bay

044 690 5020

● KwaNonqaba Shopping Mall

Supermarket, shops, internet café, bank, ATMs

Cr Adrians Ave. and Mayixhale Street, KwaNonqaba

044 693 1556

● Langeberg Mall

An exciting mix of retailers, boutique fashion shops, restaurants, coffee shops, health and beauty stores and banks. Restrooms with disabled facilities and baby changing rooms. Underground and open parking. Regular promotions and activities – watch the web site for details.

www.langebergmall.co.za
Louis Fourie Rd., Voorbaai

044 695 2880

● Mossel Bay Mall

Shops, supermarket, restaurants, in store pharmacy, post office, bank, ATMs, hairdressers, jeweller, travel agent.

www.mosselbaaimall.co.za
Louis Fourie Rd., Heiderand

044 693 0965

● Spar Hartenbos Centre

Shops, restaurants, medical centre.

Kaap De Goede Hoop Ave., Hartenbos

044 695 1530



● The Goods Shed

Indoor flea market with coffee shop and restaurant and a variety of stalls selling biltong, nuts, sweets, angling equipment, toys, perfume, clothing, shoes, handmade furniture, etc. Open every day during summer and Easter holidays, and Tuesdays to Sundays during the rest of the year.

www.visitmosselbay.co.za/attractions/the-goods-shed-flea-market
Bland Street, Mossel Bay 044 690 5358 (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

SPORTS CLUBS

● Badminton Club

Sports Centre, KwaNonqaba

082 775 8202

● ● ● Karate Club

Meets at Van Riebeeck Stadium; Hartenbos Primary School; and the NG Church Great Brak River

082 217 0595

● Marlin Surf Lifesaving Club

Training: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 17:00 – 18:30.
Nipper program for children 10 to 13 years.

Duty beach: Santos

082 455 8081

● Mossel Bay Bowling Club

Harry Giddy Park, Marsh St., Mossel Bay

044 691 1270

● Mossel Bay Surf Lifesaving Club

Diaz Beach

073 344 0807

● Mossel Bay Tennis Club

Montague St., Mossel Bay

044 691 2553

● Mossel Bay Yacht & Boat Club

Sailing (including regattas, sail training and development,); moorings; boating (including angling and junior training); diving (including junior training); and a full social programme.

www.mbybc.co.za

044 690 7100

Harbour end of Church Street

● Mossel Hiking Club

044 695 1576

● Southern Cross Surf Lifesaving Club

De Bakke Beach

082 053 8568

● St. Blaize Model Airplane Club

Municipal Airfield, Aalwyndal

082 493 9750

● Sussex Cricket Club

D'Almedia Stadium, D'Almedia

082 963 8508

TRANSPORT – ALL AREAS

- **24/7** 082 932 5809
- **Avis** 044 695 3060
- **Bateleur Charters, Shuttle & Tours** 083 259 9290
- **Brandt Transport** 044 693 3945
- **Langeberg Mini-bus Tours**
Customised tours, and scheduled departure shuttles between Mossel Bay and Cape Town, and between Mossel Bay and Bloemfontein, Kimberley, and Kuruman.
www.langebergbus.co.za 079 493 3838
- **MossBus** 044 695 0833
- **Mouton Shuttle Service** 073 279 4873
- **On-time Taxi** 078 657 4104
- **Solo Car Hire** 044 691 3151

GUIDED TOURS – ALL AREAS

- **Backroad Safaris**
Mossel Bay-based tour operator for individuals, families, and groups. Experience the quiet roads – meaningful cultural exchanges – simple, restful breaks – or special-interest tours (golf, whale watching or wine tasting) around the Garden Route and Klein Karoo. Also transportation and vehicle hire.
www.backroadsafaris.co.za 083 262 2307
- **Chris Kruger Safaris**
Tours, transfers and safaris in Southern Africa. Tourism information and shuttle service.
www.chriskrugersafaris.co.za 076 747 5832
- **Northernhay Tours**
Well established, Mossel Bay-based Garden Route tour operator specialising in customised tours to passengers' needs. Also standard tour packages including the ever-popular Namaqualand Flower Tour.
www.gardenroutetours.co.za 044 690 8000

WHALE & DOLPHIN WATCHING

- ● **Cape St. Blaize Cave & the St. Blaize Trail**
Superb, elevated look-out points for land-based whale- & dolphin watching.
www.visitmosselbay.co.za 044 691 2202
The Point Area; Heiderand; Pinnacle Point; 1st Beach, Dana Bay
- ● **Hartenbos to Great Brak River**
Almost any elevated point along the coastline east of Mossel Bay's CBD offers good whale- and dolphin watching – especially in winter and spring (June/July to September/October), when southern right whales visit the bay to mate and calve.
www.visitmosselbay.co.za 044 691 2202
Hartenbos; Little Brak River; Reebok; Great Brak River
- **Romonza**
Boat-based whale watching from July to October under permit from Marine and Coastal Management. 50-seater boat, with specialist, qualified whale guide on board. All trips include viewing of the seals on Seal Island.
www.mosselbay.co.za/romonza 044 690 3101
Mossel Bay Municipal Slipway

4X4S & QUAD BIKES

- **Bonniedale Holiday Farm**
More than 40 km of 4x4 trails – from easy, to challenging, to ultra-tough. Permits for the 20km ox wagon trail through the neighbouring Attaquas Nature Reserve are available at Bonniedale. These 4x4 trails are rated amongst the Top Ten in Southern Africa. Own vehicles required. Accommodation available.
www.bonniedale.com 044 695 3175
Attaquaskloof, near Ruiterbos (off the R328)
- **Hartenbos Private Game Lodge**
Automatic, 300 cc quad bikes. Fynbos property with 10 species of antelope, 135 species of birds (including Knysna loerie), zebra leopard, and aardwolf.
www.hartenbosgamelodge.co.za 079 675 2718
Goedemoed Road, near Hartenbos



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● Nyaru Game Lodge

2-hour game watching safaris by quad bike. Also night time game drives on 4x4s or quad bikes, and 'extreme' midnight game drives: 'a scary roller coaster under the African sky.' Meals and accommodation available.

www.nyarugame.co.za
Brandwag (off the R328)

082 715 1933

● Vleesbaai Dune Rides

12 km dune route with a 3-4 grading. Picnic, camping and caravan sites available. Own vehicles required.

Misgunst Farm, Vleesbaai

044 699 1107

WINE

● Jakkalsvlei Private Cellar

Unique, off the beaten track farm offers wine sales, tasting room, and pick-your-own hanepoot (in season). Picnickers welcome (bring your own meals). Special events, mountain biking, and hiking available. Cultivars include Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Pinotage, Ruby Cabernet, Shiraz, Chenin Blanc, Colombard, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Hanepoot, and red and white Muscadels.

www.jakkalsvlei.co.za
R327 (near Herbertsdale)

028 735 2061



ITINERARIES

Mossel Bay. One day's never enough.

Mossel Bay's exactly half way between Cape Town (400 km to the west) and Port Elizabeth (400 km to the east) – so it's perfectly situated for exploring the Garden Route and the Klein Karoo. And it's got so many attractions and things to do that you'll need to spend a few days here. At least.

The following itineraries will help you plan your stay. Distances are approximate, and are measured from landmark to landmark; all routes begin at Mossel Bay Tourism's information office.

HISTORIC MOSSEL BAY

Visit the Dias Museum Complex, and send a card from the Post Office Tree – your stamp will be marked with a special commemorative frank. Board the Maritime Museum's caravel (a replica of the type of ship in which Bartolomeu Dias sailed round the Cape in 1488), visit the largest shell collection in South Africa, and explore the indigenous garden and its Braille Trail. Afterwards, visit Mossel Bay's Craft Art Workshop to meet residents artists in their studios, and to view – and buy – the work of about 50 talented locals.

Drive to The Point (2 km) where various walkways and vantage points offer excellent whale- and dolphin watching in season. Stroll along the promenade, and visit the War Memorial, the Shark Lab, and the Cape St Blaize Cave – an important Khoi San shelter and archaeological site. If time allows, walk all or part of the Cape St Blaize Hiking Trail (a contour path, 12.5 km in length), or walk or drive up to the St Blaize Lighthouse.

Return to the centre of town on Bland Street to visit the touch farm, and children's attractions at the Harry Giddy Park (2 km).

Some attractions on this route:

Shopping; restaurants; water sports. The centre of Mossel Bay boasts many stone buildings from the Victorian and Edwardian eras – please collect a 'Historic Mossel Bay' map from Mossel Bay Tourism for more information.



CENTRAL ROUTE: MOSSEL BAY TO GREAT BRAK RIVER

Mossel Bay – Klein Brak River – Grootbrakrivier – Mossel Bay

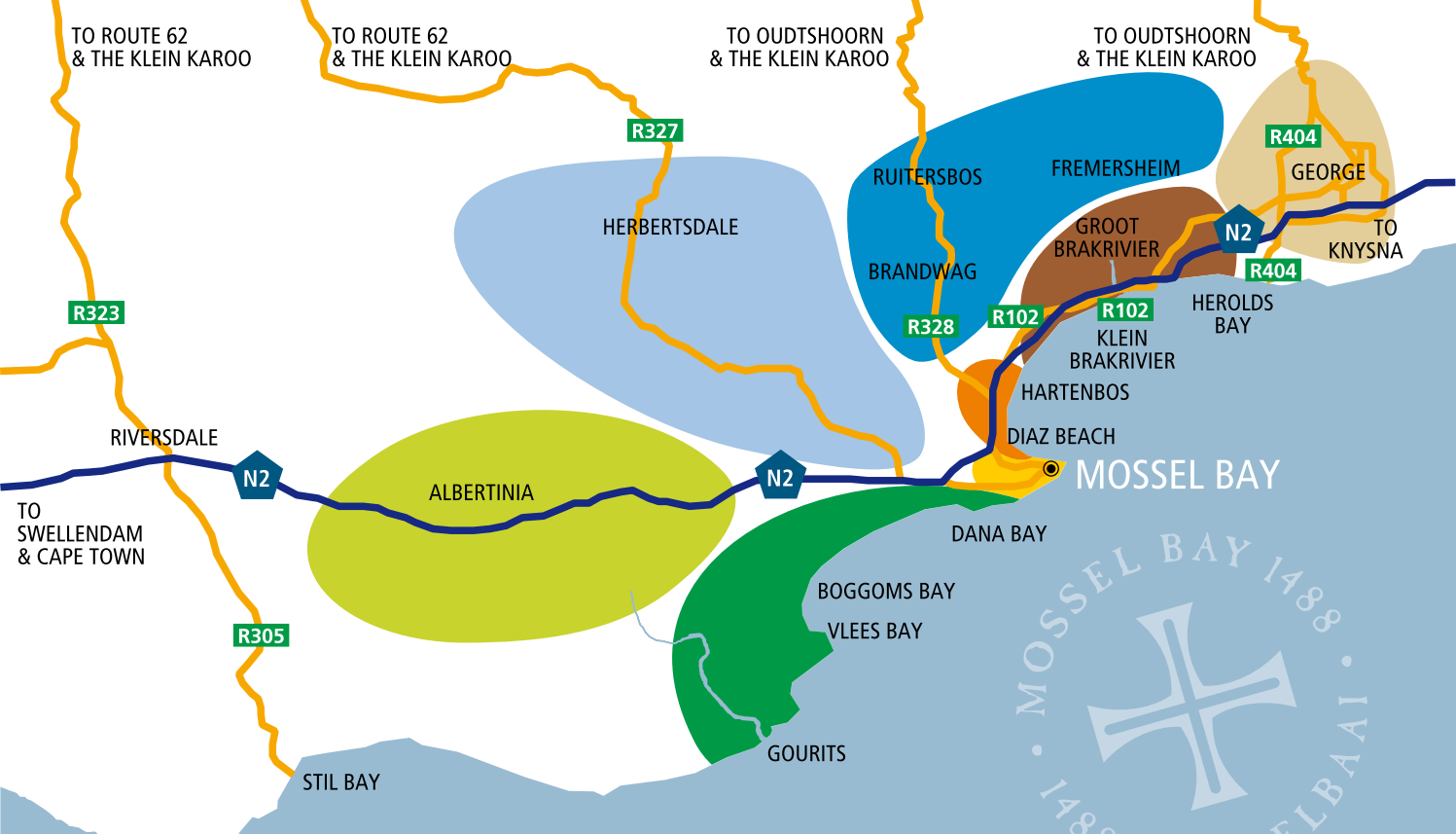
Visit the Dias Museum Complex (Post Office Tree, Maritime Museum, Shell Museum, etc.), and the Craft Art Workshop. Drive to The Point (2 km) for the promenade, war memorial, and Shark Lab, and the St. Blaize Cave, Hiking Trail and Lighthouse.

Now follow Bland Street to George Road (look out for the Santos Pavilion – one of only two of its kind in the world). Turn right at the T-junction with Louis Fourie Road and drive to Hartenbos (10 km) to visit the ATKV Museum of the Great Trek. Follow the R102 to Little Brak River (8 km), and Great Brak River, to visit the local history museum (10 km). Return to Mossel Bay on the N2 (25 km). Total distance: about 30 km.

Some attractions on this route:

Mossel Bay: Craft Art Workshop; Romonza (whale watching, Seal Island cruises); White Shark Africa (shark cage diving).

Little Brak River: Botlierskop Private Game Reserve.



NORTHERN ROUTE: KLEIN KAROO

Mossel Bay – George – Outeniqua Pass – Oudtshoorn – Cango Caves – Robertson Pass – Mossel Bay

Follow the N2 towards George, and take the turnoff to George Airport (40km). Follow the R404 via Fancourt and Blanco to the Outeniqua Pass (10 km); turn left onto the Pass, and drive to Oudtshoorn (N9 onto the N12 – 48 km). Take the R328 to the Cango Caves (30km). Return to Oudtshoorn (30km), and follow the R328, which crosses the Outeniqua Mountains on the Robertson Pass to Ruitersbos (50 km) and Mossel Bay (35 km). Total distance: about 200 km.

Some attractions on this route:

Mossel Bay: Great Brak River Museum; Botlierskop Private Game Reserve; Eight Bells Mountain Inn; Nyaru Game Lodge; Outeniqua Moon Percheron Stud.

Further afield: CapeNature's Outeniqua Nature Reserve (which protects the Outeniqua Mountains and their fynbos vegetation); ostrich show farms; the CP Nel Museum in Oudtshoorn; Cango Caves.

WESTERN ROUTE: ALBERTINIA

Mossel Bay – Herbertsdale – Albertinia – Gouritsmond – Mossel Bay

Take the N2 westwards (towards Cape Town), and turn right at Mosdustria onto the R327 (10km from Mossel Bay). Drive to Herbertsdale (40 km). Turn left to Albertinia (50 km). At the N2, turn right towards Riversdale; turn left onto the R305 (25 km) to Still Bay (30 km). Now take the gravel road via Blombos towards Gourits River (50 km). Return to the N2 (25 km), and Mossel Bay (35 km). Total distance: about 260 km.

Some attractions on this route:

Gondwana Game Reserve; Jakkalsvlei Private Wine Cellar; Aloe Ferox factories; Garden Route Game Lodge.



EASTERN ROUTE: GARDEN ROUTE LAKES

Mossel Bay – George – Wilderness – Knysna – Mossel Bay

Follow the R102 via Great Brak River to George (50 km); then follow the N2 via Wilderness (15 km) to Sedgefield (20 km), and Knysna (30 km). Return to Mossel Bay on the N2 (125 km). Total distance: about 240 km.

Some attractions on this route:

Mossel Bay: ATKV Hartenbos Museum; ATKV Hartenbos Holiday Resort; Great Brak River Museum; beaches; whale and dolphin watching (in season).

Further afield: the Garden Route National Park, which surrounds the towns of Wilderness, Sedgefield and Knysna, and includes mountains, fynbos, evergreen forest, beaches, lakes (Rondevlei, Island Lake, Swartvlei, Groenvlei), and the Knysna Lagoon).



EASTERN ROUTE: GARDEN ROUTE PASSES

Mossel Bay – George – Montagu Pass – Prince Alfred's Pass – Knysna – Wilderness – Mossel Bay

This route includes mountain passes that may sometimes be closed due to the weather: please check road conditions before you depart. Although standard motor cars can usually negotiate the passes, drivers of 4x4s will really enjoy this route.

Follow the R102 via Great Brak River to the George Airport (40 km). Turn left onto the R404 to the Outeniqua Pass (10 km). Cross the N9 onto the graveled Montagu Pass, and climb via Herold to the N9 (15 km). Turn right towards Kareedouw, and follow the N9 onto the R62 to Prince Alfred's Pass (75 km). Turn right and follow the pass towards Knysna (50 km). Now follow the N2 back to Mossel Bay (125 km). Total distance: about 320 km.

Some attractions on this route:

Mossel Bay: Great Brak River Museum; Botlierskop Private Game Reserve; ATKV Hartenbos Museum; ATKV Hartenbos Holiday Resort

Further afield: Mountain passes; the Outeniqua Mountains; the Garden Route National Park.



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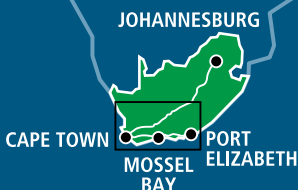
GETTING HERE

Mossel Bay is situated half way between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth (400 km each way).

From Cape Town on the N2: Follow the N2 via Somerset West and Swellendam. About 4 hours driving time (excluding stops).

From Cape Town on Route 62: Follow the N1 via Paarl to Worcester; take the R60 to Ashton; take the R62 to Oudtshoorn; turn right onto the R328 to Mossel Bay. About 6 hours driving time.

From Port Elizabeth: Travel westwards on the N2 via Humansdorp and Knysna. About 4 hours driving time.



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