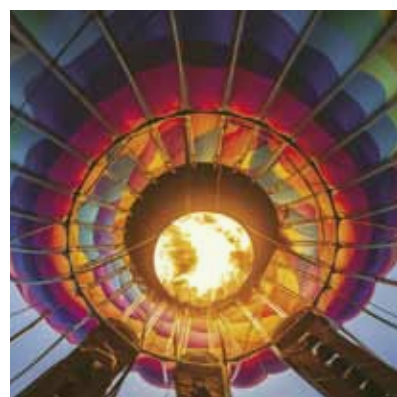


ICONIC MOSSEL BAY ADVENTURE GUIDE

THE ADVENTURE CAPITAL OF THE GARDEN ROUTE





TRAVELLING DISTANCES

Mossel Bay is the adventure capital of the Garden Route, with a rich maritime history and more than 50 activities to be enjoyed by all walks of life.

Situated halfway between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, this coastal village is one of the 12 iconic towns that make up the greater Mossel Bay area.

This brochure captures just a few of the many highlights on offer. Are you ready for an experience of a lifetime? Your adventure starts here!



CAPE TOWN
387.3 km

JOHANNESBURG
1210.1 km

GEORGE 45,8 km
WILDERNESS 58,7km
OUDTSHOORN 85,6 km
KNYSNA 105,3 km
TSITSIKAMMA 202,8km

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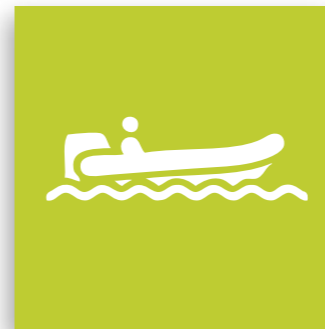
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WHALE WATCHING

Mossel Bay, the whale-watching mecca of the Garden Route, is the best place to view dolphins, sharks, seals and other sea life, from June until November. Mossel Bay offers several boat-based experiences, and many of the hotels and resorts have sea-facing rooms where you can catch a glimpse of these incredible sea giants.

www.mosselbayboatadventures.co.za/activities/freaking-fast-wave-rider/



A WHALE OF A TIME

In June every year, whales begin their migration from the Antarctic to the warmer waters of South Africa's Cape Coast. By the end of June, Southern Right Whales, Humpback Whales, Killer Whales and Bryde's Whales can be spotted in Mossel Bay due to our protected bay and warmer waters.

FROM MILD TO WILD

Mossel Bay Boat Adventures, home to the Freaking Fast Waverider, also offers sunset cruises, trips to Seal Island, whale watching safaris, white shark parasailing, hair-raising rides on their towable spinning tube or escapades in their Fearless Speedboat.

FREAKING FAST AND FEARLESS SPEEDBOATS

Get your adrenaline pumping when you take a high-speed trip on the "Freaking Fast Waverider" along the Mossel Bay coastline. You'll be jumping waves and taking S-turns at up to 150km/h over the flat seas, all with the beautiful Outeniqua Mountain range as a backdrop.

www.mosselbayboatadventures.co.za/activities/freaking-fast-wave-rider/

SKYDIVE MOSSEL BAY

Enjoy the thrill and excitement of tandem skydiving, static line training or accelerated free falls with Skydive Mossel Bay – open to beginners or experienced jumpers, against the backdrop of beautiful ocean and mountain scenery.

www.skydivemosselbay.com



ON POINT

The Pinnacle Point Caves in Mossel Bay have revealed the earliest evidence for modern human behaviour and, having been occupied at various times throughout history, it has the longest record of occupation of any Middle Stone Age site yet found.



SKY'S THE LIMIT

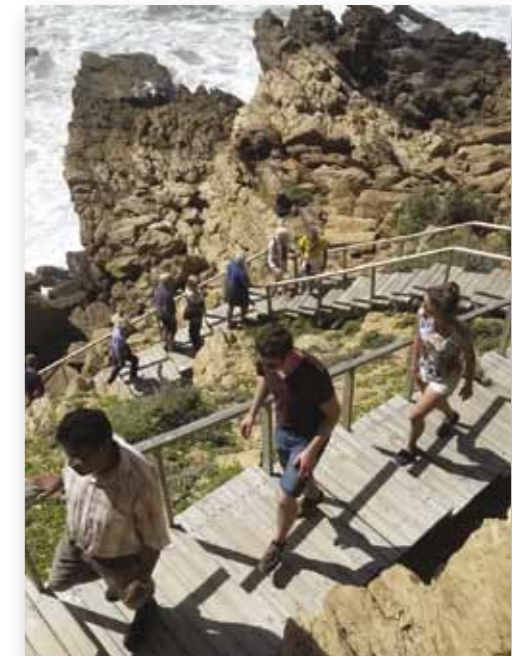
While the use of parachutes dates back to China over 2 000 years ago, "skydiving" can be most directly linked to France in the late 18th century when a man named Jacques Garnerin jumped from hot air balloons with a parachute for show. However, it was only in the mid-1950s that the term "skydiver" was used to describe the sport.

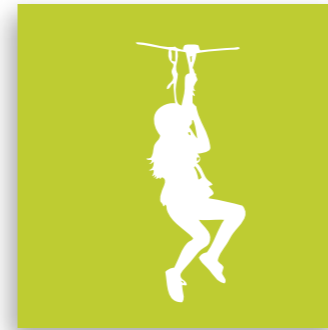


POINT OF HUMAN ORIGINS

Visit the Point of Human Origins, a world-renowned archaeological site with early evidence for modern human behaviour, situated in Mossel Bay, and enjoy educational cave tours or a point-to-point hike, as well as a special guided excursion with Dr Nilssen, the person who made the discovery back in 1997.

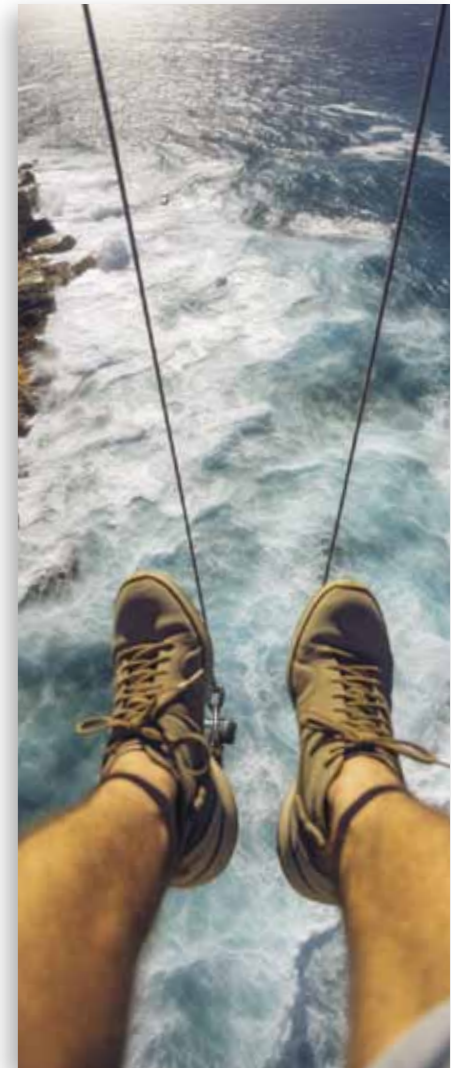
www.humanorigin.co.za





THE LONGEST OVER-THE-OCEAN ZIPLINE

The first recorded use of a zipline as a form of entertainment was in 1739 but this invention has been around for centuries as a means of transport. Mossel Bay's zipline is special in that it is the longest over-the-ocean zipline in the world and is 90m above sea level.



SANDBOARD THE DRAGON

Mossel Bay's 'Dragon Dune' is the biggest and longest sandboard ride in South Africa and is managed by Sandboard the Dragon, which offers all-inclusive packages for beginners or pros, for all age groups... Before you know it, you'll be riding the 'beast'!

www.dragondune.com



WORLD FAMOUS DUNES

'Dragon Dune' has been featured in several TV commercials on SA Tourism's global platform, like CNN, BBC World, National Geographic and FOX International, reaching an estimated 1.2 billion consumers.



MOSSSEL BAY ZIPLINE

Calling all adrenaline junkies and families! Take a leap of faith and visit the Mossel Bay Zipline, the longest over-the-ocean zipline with a 1 100m course, reaching speeds of up to 80km/h, while enjoying incredible views over the cliffs, nearby beaches and surrounding towns.

www.mosselbayzipline.co.za



WHITE SHARK AFRICA

Have you always wanted to try shark cage diving? White Shark Africa is an experience of a lifetime! After an information session, you will board the boat and head to the shark site, where you will have an opportunity to do some topside viewing before entering the water for an unforgettable shark encounter.

www.whitesharkafrica.com

WINE AND GIN TASTING

Mossel Bay plays host to several craft gin distilleries and wine farms, providing tastings, pairings and masterclass experiences. Sip back and relax with a drink that perfectly captures the essence of Mossel Bay's rugged coastline and majestic mountain plateaus – or take a bottle or two home with you!

www.visitmosselbay.co.za



SIP BACK AND RELAX

Although Mossel Bay is well known for its long sandy beaches and thrilling activities, there is also a thriving winemaking and gin distillery culture in the area that takes inspiration from the local fynbos and other flora.



JAW-SOME FACTS

The Great White Shark is the world's largest predatory fish. It gets its name from its white underbelly but its topside can come in a variety of browns and greys. These sharks have a bite more than 20 times stronger than a human and the mothers can give birth to up to 17 pups at a time.



NOVA HOT AIR BALLOONS

A flight in a hot air balloon is like nothing else you've experienced – early morning flights will guarantee the most incredible sunrise scenes you've ever seen, accompanied by coffee and rusks on arrival, amazing photographic and video moments and a glass of sparkling wine and breakfast when you land.

www.novaballoons.co.za



WE'VE GOT LIFT-OFF!

The world's first successful hot air balloon flight took place on 4 June 1783. The Montgolfier brothers, Joseph and Etienne, launched their balloon with a sheep, a duck and a rooster as passengers. The flight lasted about 8 minutes and covered a distance of just over 3km.



FOR SHORE

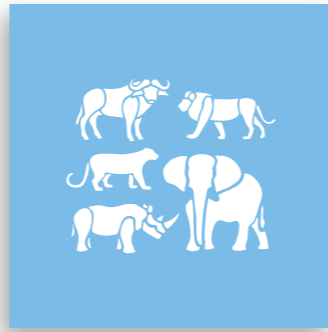
Surfing is not just a contemporary sport - it has deep historical roots. Archaeological evidence suggests that ancient civilizations, such as the Polynesians, were riding waves on wooden boards as early as 2 000 years ago!



SURFING

With its five blue flag beaches and over 60km of stunning coastline, Mossel Bay is a premium surfing spot for beginners and pros. There are several surfing schools in the area and at least four consistent reef breaks where intermediate and advanced surfers can enjoy rides of up to 100m.

www.visitmosselbay.co.za



EMBRACING THE ENVIRONMENT

The farmland is called Jakkalsvlei due to the abundance of jackals, foxes and wild cats seen in the Langeberg mountains and surrounding farmlands.



BIG 5

If you are looking to spot the Big 5 – lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo – or another bucket-list animal, look no further than Mossel Bay and its numerous safari lodges and game reserves, offering visitors a chance to see free-roaming wildlife right on their doorstep.

www.visitmosselbay.co.za

BORN TO BE WILD

Lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos and buffalos were given the term "The Big 5" because of their extreme difficulty to hunt on foot. However, the expression now takes on a gentler form, referring to seeing them on safari rather than hunting them.



JAKKALSVLEI

Jakkalsvlei Private Cellar is one of the Garden Route's most popular day-getaway destinations thanks to its breathtaking vineyard and mountain views, its versatile and wide range of wines and delicious in-house restaurant menu – all just a stone's throw from Herbertsdale and the perfect excursion for friends and families.

www.jakkalsvlei.co.za



GO DIVE SCUBA

Want to experience an offshore ocean safari? Go Dive SCUBA promises an unforgettable ocean experience, where you can learn to SCUBA, enjoy boat dive tours and experience shark diving in the open water, away from the shore and the seabed.

www.godive.co.za



WITH FLYING COLOURS
Mossel Bay Helicopters was established 33 years ago and is renowned for its advanced and complex commercial mission abilities. They offer several scenic flights and picnic opportunities, as well as safari quad bike game drives.



MOSSSEL BAY HELICOPTERS

Mossel Bay Helicopters offers flight training, pleasure flips, scenic tours, shark and whale viewing, mountain flying, game capturing and counting, film and photography flights, as well as special occasion trips, amongst others, to suit any budget.

www.mosselbayhelicopters.co.za

A DEEP DIVE

SCUBA is an acronym standing for "self-contained underwater breathing apparatus" and the term can refer to the sport of diving or the equipment used to dive.





PROTEA HOTEL

This luxurious Mediterranean-style hotel is just a five-minute walk from Santos Beach, with a breakfast patio showcasing stunning sea views, an award-winning restaurant that overlooks Mossel Bay and the Outeniqua mountains and a legendary cocktail lounge next to the pool.

www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/grjmo-protea-hotel-mossel-bay/overview/



BLUE FLAG BEACHES

Mossel Bay has five blue flag beaches under its belt, namely Santos, De Bakke, Hartenbos, Glentana and Klein Brakrivier beaches. The Wildlife and Environmental Society of Southern Africa (WESSA) blue flag award is subject to strict criteria, bestowed to few, and puts them on par with the best beaches in the world.

www.visitmosselbay.co.za

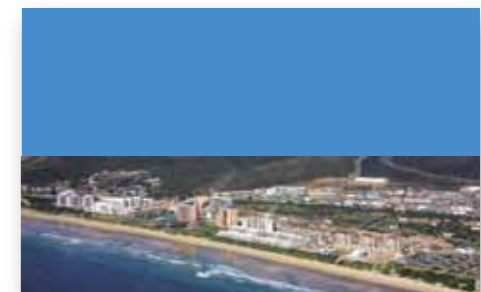
SEA YOU THERE!

Blue flag is one of the world's most recognised voluntary eco-labels awarded to beaches, marinas and boating tourism operators. To qualify, a series of strict environmental, educational, safety and accessibility criteria must be met and maintained. Blue flag status means you're getting the best of the best!



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

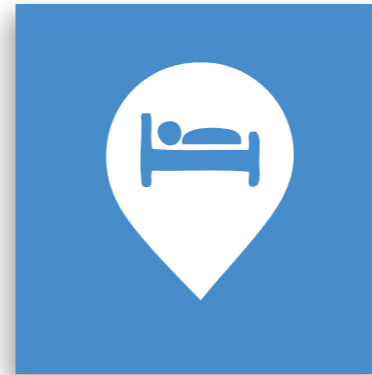
The King Protea is South Africa's national flower. Proteas are hardy plants that are "pyrophylic", meaning "fire-loving", as many of the species need to burn so that they can germinate.



GONDWANA GAME RESERVE

Gondwana is a luxury private game reserve that offers visitors an authentic Cape safari experience, with its exhilarating game drives, onsite African-style spa and breathtaking panoramic views of the bush and the Big Five, which roam freely through the area.

www.gondwanagr.co.za



SAIL-EBRATE HISTORY

The Diaz Hotel & Resort is named after the Portuguese navigator, Bartolomeu Dias, who landed in Mossel Bay in 1488 and the hotel's logo is an outline of the explorer's famous ship, paying homage to Mossel Bay's rich history.



DIAZ HOTEL

The Diaz Hotel & Resort, located in the heart of the Garden Route and just steps from the beach, is a must-visit for all holidaymakers who are looking to experience spectacular ocean views, with numerous whale and dolphin watching opportunities, and want to take advantage of the onsite water park and fun hotel activities.

www.diazbeach.co.za

CATCH OUR DRIFT?

Gondwana Game Reserve derives its name from Gondwana, originally Gondwana Land, which was the name given to one of the two supercontinents that existed millions of years ago. The Outeniqua and Swartberg Mountains that can be seen from the game reserve are the last visible evidence of this land before the continent split into how we know it today.



DID YOU KNOW?

Botlierskop is named after one of the rock formations on the game reserve. According to legend, the hill ("kop") was used as a lookout point for incoming ships.

The owner, August Frederik Beutler, would light a fire on top of the hill so that nearby farmers could gather fresh supplies for the sailors.



BOTLIERSKOP

Botlierskop Game Reserve is a malaria-free and family-friendly game reserve that offers game drives, horseback safaris, spa experiences, restaurant facilities and luxury accommodation, all within a few steps from the free-roaming lions, elephants, buffalo, rhinos, cheetahs, zebras and more that occupy the area.

www.botlierskop.co.za



PROPOSED PACKAGES

ALL PACKAGES CAN BE CUSTOMISED.

4 nights,
4 days

MOSEL BAY

DAY 1:

Tandem skydive, zipline over the ocean, Freaking Fast speedboat, canoeing or kayaking.

DAY 2:

Sandboarding (morning only), cigar tasting in Groot Brak, Botlierskop game drive or horse riding.

DAY 3:

Shark cage diving, Padel, Kiyana sailing trips, scuba diving, gin tasting.

DAY 4:

Helicopter trip, Golf at Pinnacle Point, ten-pin bowling, quad biking.

4 nights,
4 days

MOSEL BAY & WILDERNESS

DAY 1:

Helicopter trip, Freaking Fast speedboat, zipline over the ocean, Cape St Blaize hiking trail ($\pm 13,5\text{km}$).

DAY 2:

Quad bikes, tandem skydive, gin school, eco whale tour with Freaking Fast speedboat (July - Oct whale season), scuba diving.

DAY 3:

Cango Wildlife Ranch (possible crocodile cage diving), Cango Caves, ostrich farm.

DAY 4:

Canoeing or paragliding, half-day hike in Wilderness, wine tasting at a local wine farm in Mossel Bay.

MOSEL BAY & OUDTSHOORN

4 nights,
3 days

DAY 1:

Quad bikes, helicopter trip, gin school, eco whale tours with Freaking Fast speedboat (July - Oct whale season), scuba diving.

DAY 2:

Tandem skydive, Indalu elephant experience, zipline over the ocean, stand-up paddle.

DAY 3:

Cango Wildlife Ranch (possible crocodile cage diving), Cango Caves, ostrich farm.

MOSEL BAY, WILDERNESS, & OUDTSHOORN

4 nights,
5 days

DAY 1:

Shark cage diving, tandem skydiving, hot air ballooning.

DAY 2:

Helicopter trip, Freaking Fast speedboat, quad biking.

DAY 3:

Canoeing, paragliding, half-day hike in Wilderness, wine tasting at a local wine farm in Mossel Bay.

DAY 4:

Point of Human Origins, Garden Route Game Lodge, Indalu elephant experience.

DAY 5:

Cango Wildlife Ranch (possible crocodile cage diving), Cango Caves, ostrich farm.



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