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MOSSEL BAY



Mossel Bay is a picturesque coastal town in the heart of the Western Cape and the gateway to the Garden Route. It has a warm and inviting climate and breathtaking scenery, making it a must-visit destination for anyone looking for an ICONIC experience.

Mossel Bay offers a little something for everyone. Whether you are seeking relaxation, adventure or a bit of both, you will find it here. Its stunning beaches, rugged coastline and fascinating landmarks are sure to captivate and inspire any visitor to the area.

Explore the town's rich maritime history, enjoy an action-packed day in the bush or relax at one of the countless sea-view restaurants or spas. There are numerous other activities to enjoy – from whale watching and shark cage diving to hiking and mountain biking, wine tasting and game drives.

So why not stop and take a moment to experience the magic of Mossel Bay yourself? We hope that your time here is unforgettable – and, most of all, we look forward to welcoming you back in the future.

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MOSSEL BAY HELICOPTERS

1 hour

2 hours

Take to the air with Mossel Bay Helicopters! Land amongst the lions or fly over Bergsig Game Farm to view their white rhinos, African buffaloes, giraffes, zebras, blue wildebeests, sable antelopes and more.

Looking for the perfect engagement or special occasion spot? Ask about the unique canyon picnic experience, where you take off at Mossel Bay Helicopters and land at the private canyon picnic location for some alone time before heading back.

Flights over Hartenbos, Diaz Beach and Mossel Bay Point are also available. See the harbour from a bird's eye view or enjoy whale and great white shark viewing from above.

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NOVA HOT AIR BALLOONS

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A ride in a hot air balloon is like nothing you've ever experienced. Set against the lush green backdrop of Mossel Bay, Nova's early morning flights guarantee some of the most incredible sunrise scenes and photographic opportunities.

Guests will need to overnight at the nearby 5-star glamping accommodation in order to arrive before the 6 am balloon departure. Rusks and coffee will be served on arrival at the take-off site and after the flight, guests can enjoy a glass of sparkling wine before heading off to breakfast with the pilot and crew.

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WATER ACTIVITIES

1 minute

Various

Calling all water lovers! Mossel Bay has a wide range of unique activities available to you. We have the Fat Boy (an inflatable launchpad that will catapult you over the water), Freaking Fast Wave Rider (a speedboat trip that will have your adrenaline pumping in no time), scuba diving, parasailing and shark cage diving.

We also have five WESSA blue flag beaches, including Santos Beach, where you can enjoy the sun, sand and surf – perfect for those who are looking for a relaxing vacation spot for the day.

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LOCAL ARTS AND CRAFT SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

5 minutes

Looking for the perfect gift or piece of artwork for your home? Mossel Bay has many talented artists who live, exhibit and sell their work in the area – and you'll be spoiled for choice with the below options.

For curios, gifts and locally made crafts, head on over to The Town's House and The Goods Shed. Experience a riot of colour – from abstract to fine art at Rut Art, The House of Maria and The Pink Hound – all within close proximity to the harbour.

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THE ICONIC TUNNEL MOSAIC PROJECT

15 minutes

30 minutes – 1 hour

We're taking history and art to the next level with the Iconic Tunnel Mosaic Project. This showstopper is spearheaded by the passionate Pinnacle Point Arts and Culture Association of Mossel Bay, in collaboration with numerous local artists. Together, they will leave an indelible mark on South Africa's cultural heritage.

The mosaic will soon cover every inch of the walls, roof and floor of the 55m tunnel that leads to Eden Bay Beach, sharing the history and the many icons of Mossel Bay. Head to Pinnacle Point and follow the signs outside the Pinnacle Point Estate Clubhouse to see this work of art in action!

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POINT OF HUMAN ORIGINS GUIDED TOUR

40 minutes

1 hour and 30 minutes

The Point of Human Origins at Pinnacle Point is a renowned UNESCO World Heritage Site with some of the earliest evidence of modern human behaviour. The site was discovered in 1997 and contains a series of caves and rock shelters that were used by early humans, as well as a wealth of artefacts and fossils.

Book a tour with Dr Nilssen, who discovered the site over 20 years ago or enjoy a guided cave visit – ideal for individuals or groups looking to experience not only the beautiful and peaceful location of the site but also learn about our evolution.

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EIGHT BELLS MOUNTAIN INN ROOSTER TRAILS

1 hour and 15 minutes

30 minutes – 2 hours

Welcome to the Eight Bells Mountain Inn. This 400-acre estate offers six different walking and hiking trails along the Outeniqua Mountains, each of them signposted and perfect for the avid walker or newbie wanting to get out and see what the area has to offer. The shortest trail is a little over one kilometre and takes about 30 minutes to complete and the longest, at just over four kilometres, can take half a day at a leisurely pace.

Experience nature at its best and see the beauty of the landscape in action.

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WALL ART AND COFFEE TASTING IN GREAT BRAK RIVER

90 minutes

4 hours

Calling all art – and coffee – lovers! Mossel Bay has some incredibly talented artists and their work can be seen on some of the village buildings. Take a walk through the town to see the murals and finish it off with a coffee tasting at Brothers Coffee.

Brothers Coffee can provide a tour of their roastery, followed by an educational coffee-tasting session that is certain to change your perspective on this beverage.

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MOSSEL BAY TOWN EXPERIENCE WALKING ROUTE

2 hours

Experience Mossel Bay on foot with our five-kilometre town experience walking route. There are 12 stop-off points along the way, each with a story of how the iconic development, heritage site or event has shaped the area.

The walk starts at Mossel Bay's tourism office and ends at The Town's House, a community arts and crafts centre with a selection of upmarket and locally produced goods, souvenirs, gifts and lifestyle pieces available for sale.

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MOSSEL BAY ZIPLINE

10 minutes

30 minutes

The ultimate adventure awaits at Mossel Bay Zipline. Experience the longest over-ocean zipline in the world and enjoy unparalleled views of the cliffs, ocean and sea life. The zipline is 1 100 metres long (3 608 feet) and reaches speeds of up to 80 kilometres an hour (50 miles per hour).

Whether you are an adrenaline junkie or a first-time zipliner looking for a fun and memorable experience, this is an experience not to be missed.

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MOSSEL BAY QUAD BIKING

45 minutes

30 minutes – 1 hour

Experience an unforgettable quad biking adventure with Mossel Bay Quad Biking. All quad bikes have an electric start and automatic gearboxes for fuss-free fun. There is an introduction and safety lesson at the start, so no matter who you are or where you're from, you'll get the most out of your riding session.

Hold on tight as you ride across the sandy tracks – it's truly an awesome experience! Pros and first-timers are welcome.

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SKYDIVE MOSSEL BAY

45 minutes

1 hour

Do you want to know what it feels like to tandem skydive or parachute in South Africa? Skydive Mossel Bay is a certified skydiving training centre, providing tandem skydiving to novices, skydiving training courses to beginners, advanced training instruction, fun jumps, parachuting and accelerated free falls.

Enjoy fantastic views over Mossel Bay from 10 000 or 14 000 feet – it's breathtaking!

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BETTIE'S BOUTIQUE HIGH TEA AND VINTAGE CAR DRIVE EXPERIENCE

10 minutes

2 hours

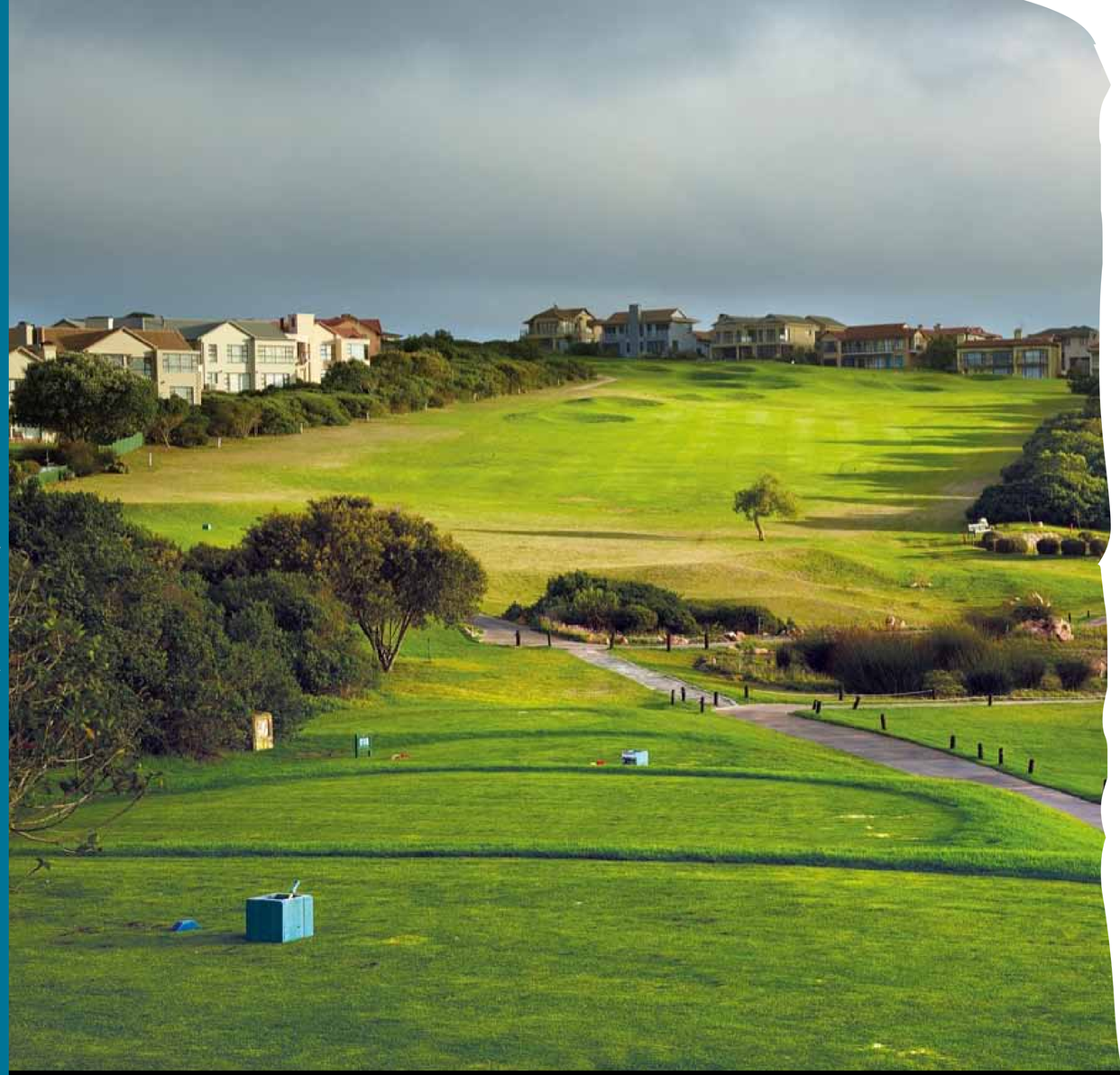
Enjoy a proper English high tea experience served on vintage china at Betty's Boutique Hotel. The high tea includes a historical tour of this quirky 1903 heritage hotel.

The hotel also has a chauffeur service. You can book a ride in Shelby, the expertly restored 1934 Morris – an experience of a lifetime!

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MOSSEL BAY GOLF CLUB

20 minutes

4 – 5 hours

Golf with a view at Mossel Bay Golf Club. Famed for having a view of the Indian Ocean from every angle – "see the sea from every tee" – this 18-hole links-style course with its undulating green makes for an idyllic yet challenging round of golf.

The golf course has three levels and a 71 rating. There is a clubhouse, pro shop, driving range, restaurant and bar. Golf lessons, carts and caddies are also available.

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PINNACLE POINT GOLF COURSE

40 minutes

4 hours and 30 minutes

Uniquely situated on a clifftop, this award-winning full-length driving range has a panoramic view of the Indian Ocean. The range is situated on an expansive estate, is beautifully tranquil and open until sunset, giving visitors ample time to perfect their swing.

Facilities and services include instruction by a fully qualified PGA pro and swing assessments, amongst others.

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WESTERN CAPE BUTTERFLY SANCTUARY

45 minutes

30 minutes – 1 hour

Did you know there are about 20 000 butterfly species worldwide? South Africa is home to almost 700 of them. Head to the Western Cape Butterfly Sanctuary in Mossel Bay, a unique conservation effort between Ruiterbosch Lodge and the Conservation of Butterflies in South Africa (CBISA) in Mossel Bay, for a butterfly encounter of a lifetime.

This butterfly sanctuary is the only one in the Western Cape and the second of its kind in South Africa! Open from Tuesday to Sunday, visitors can enjoy a guided tour of the lush gardens and its beautiful kaleidoscope of butterflies.

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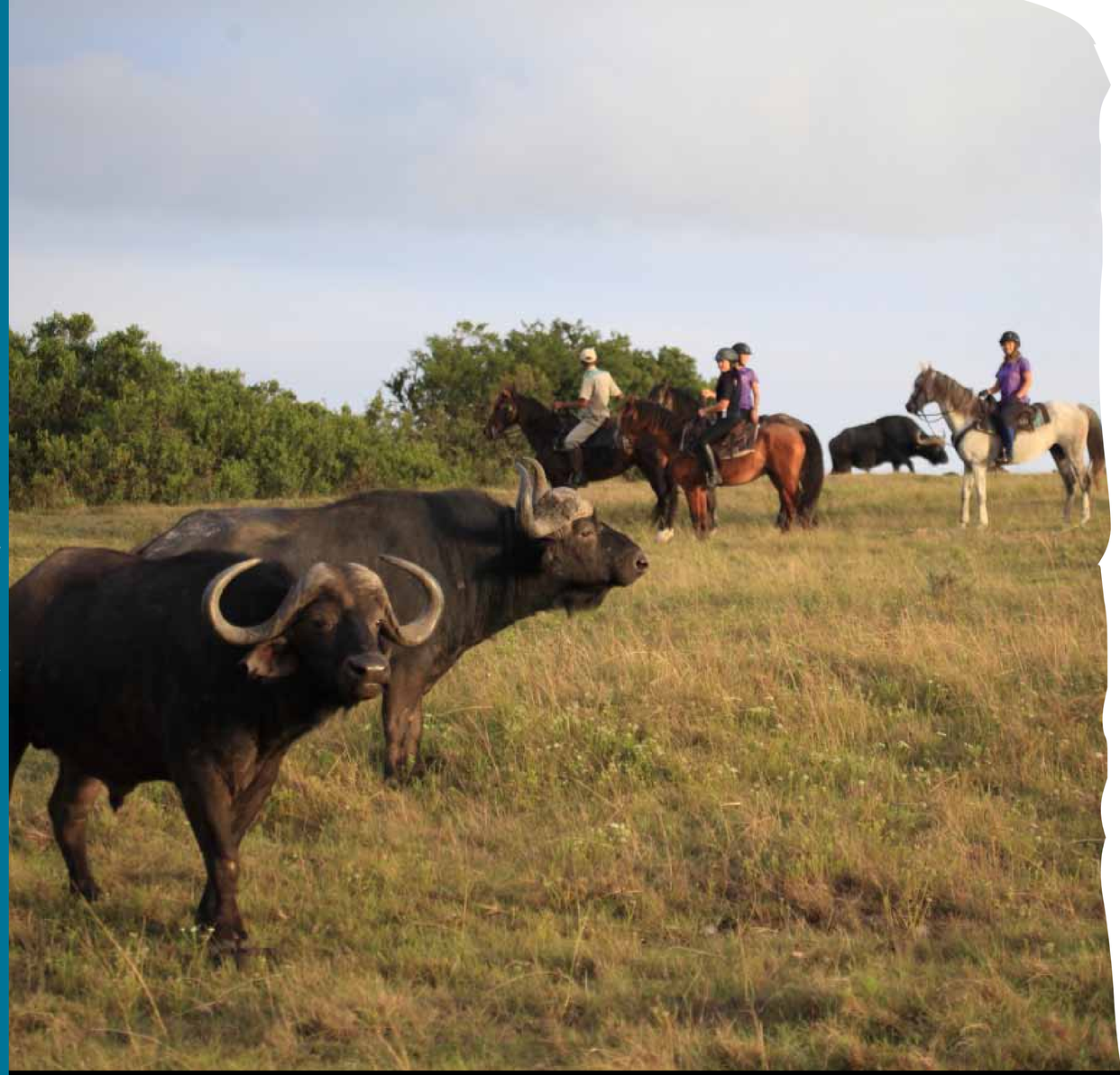
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BOTLIERSKOP PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

1 hour

3 hours

With the magnificent Outeniqua Mountains as a backdrop and sweeping views of the Indian Ocean, this 4 200-hectare reserve is home to four of the Big Five, as well as cheetahs, a rare black impala, zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, hippos and more.

Situated in a malaria-free zone, this family-run and privately-operated game reserve is the perfect place to stay and explore. Day visitors can experience guided game drives, horseback safaris (one- or two-hour beginner-friendly rides) and guided bush trails to view the mountainous terrain and free-roaming wildlife. There is also a spa on the premises.

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GARDEN ROUTE GAME LODGE

1 hour and 15 minutes

2 hours and 30 minutes

Garden Route Game Lodge is a malaria-free and family-owned and operated private game reserve. It is home to an abundance of animals and birds, including cheetahs, white rhinos, antelope and the Big Five.

Day visitors can enjoy a game drive with an experienced game ranger. There is also a refreshment stop at one of the selected lookout points.

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GARDEN ROUTE SAFARI CAMP

1 hour and 15 minutes

2 hours and 30 minutes

Experience the thrill of a South African safari at Garden Route Safari Camp. This owner-managed and family-centred camp provides game drives and guided bush walks from 10:00 and with prior arrangements.

Through Garden Route Safari Camp, visitors can also go horse riding, hiking and bird watching.

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INDALU GAME RESERVE

1 hour

1 hour – 1 hour and 30 minutes

Looking for an experience of a lifetime? Take a guided walk with elephants. The game reserve's expert guides will introduce you to these gentle giants before taking your walk. You'll be able to interact with the elephants and feed them a healthy snack bucket.

There are tons of photo opportunities too, so why not get up close and personal, where safety is paramount, with one of Africa's most iconic animals?

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CAPE ST BLAIZE DISTILLERY GIN MASTERCLASS AT CAFÉ GANNET

5 minutes

2 hours

Create your own bottle of Cape St Blaize Gin at this masterclass at Café Gannet. At this session, you'll experiment with flavour profiles and learn the rich history of gin-making. You'll also be treated to a distillery tour.

Walk away with a 500ml bottle of custom-made gin and a lot more knowledge of the craft.

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CAPE ST BLAIZE DISTILLERY GIN TASTING AT CAFÉ GANNET

5 minutes

15 – 20 minutes

Enjoy a gin tasting at Cape St Blaize Distillery at Café Gannet. Discover the nuanced notes found in this local gin range – from the bittersweet symphony of lime and elderflower to the aroma of freshly cut flowers and ripe strawberries. All Cape St Blaize Distillery gins are available for purchase.

Tutored and untutored tastings are available, depending on preference.

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REEDVALLEY

40 minutes

30 minutes – 1 hour

ReedValley Estate is one of the oldest farms in the district. It is a family-run business driven by a passion for people, food and wine! Sip back and relax at the ReedValley tasting hall where visitors can experience exclusive wine tastings or pairings from Eden Valley wines or Zandvliet wines – or both together.

Pairings are exclusive to the Succulent Restaurant at ReedValley. All wines are available to purchase.

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JAKKALSVLEI WINERY

1 hour and 40 minutes

3 hours

Experience Jakkalsvlei's award-winning wines at their state-of-the-art wine tasting venue, with indoor and outdoor seating. There are 13 wines to choose from, including red, white, moscatos and dessert wines. Wine tastings can include customised cheese platters and build-your-own pizzas.

Rain or sunshine, a perfect wine exists to match the moment at Jakkalsvlei.

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POWERVAN MOSSEL BAY

10 minutes

3 hours and 30 minutes

All aboard the Powervan Mossel Bay! This rail experience is the perfect excursion to get to know the beauty of Mossel Bay. There is a breakfast and lunch trip, as well as scenic trips depending on when and where you would like to visit.

All excursions have beautiful views over the Indian Ocean, as the railway line meanders through the Garden Route region. There is also a stop-off point at Seeplaas where you can order fantastic coffee and enjoy the exceptional artwork of Ken Maloney.

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SOUTHERN CAPE RAILWAY

1 hour

2 hours

One of the best ways to embrace South Africa's vibrant cultures The Southern Cape Railway, operated by Atlantic Rail, has a long history in Mossel Bay, starting in 1989 when its founder, Errol Ekstrom, identified a need to operate a steam-hauled tourist train in the region.

This family-run service runs regular train journeys in the Garden Route and the Western Cape, requiring a minimum passenger count of 40 people. Excursions include day trips, overnight trips, golf tours, private functions and charters.

What are you waiting for? Hop onto our restored steam locomotive for a nostalgic journey of a now-bygone era.

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