



# Welcome to Mossel Bay, South Africa

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Forlat kulda, og reis til den idylliske kystbyen Mossel Bay

# South Africa

AT A GLANCE

South Africa is a large, diverse and incredibly beautiful country. It varies from the picturesque Garden Route towns of the Western Cape to the raw subtropical coast of northern KwaZulu-Natal, with the vast Karoo semi-desert across its heart and one of Africa's premier safari destinations, Kruger National Park, in the northeast.

Situated at the southern tip of Africa, South Africa is 1 233 404km<sup>2</sup> in size and is edged on three sides by nearly 3 000km of coastline, with the Indian Ocean to the east and the Atlantic Ocean to the west. The country is bordered in the north by Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, and also encloses two independent countries, the kingdoms of Lesotho and Swaziland.

Many visitors are pleasantly surprised by South Africa's excellent infrastructure, which draws favourable comparison with countries such as Australia or the United States. Good air links and bus networks, excellent roads and a growing number of first-class B&Bs and guesthouses make South Africa a perfect touring country. The tourism industry is well established with an exciting sector of emerging entrepreneurs.

The country is strong on adventure, sport, nature and wildlife, and is a pioneer and global leader in responsible tourism.

South Africa is known for its long sunny days, hence the title, 'Sunny South Africa'. Most of the nine provinces have summer rainfall, except for the Western Cape, which experiences winter rainfall. The high-lying areas of the interior can be chilly in winter (June to August months).



**THE GARDEN ROUTE** is a stretch of the south-eastern coast of South Africa which extends from Mossel Bay in the Western Cape to the Storms River in the Eastern Cape. The name comes from the verdant and ecologically diverse vegetation encountered here and the numerous lagoons and lakes dotted along the coast. It includes towns such as Knysna, Plettenberg Bay and Nature's Valley; with George, the Garden Route's largest city and main administrative center.

It has an oceanic climate, with mild to warm summers, and mild to cool winters. It has the mildest climate in South Africa and the second mildest climate in the world, after Hawaii, according to the Guinness Book of Records. Temperatures rarely fall below 10°C in winter and rarely climb beyond 28°C in summer. Rain occurs year-round, with a slight peak in the spring months, brought by the humid sea-winds from the Indian Ocean rising and releasing their precipitation along the Outeniqua and Tsitsikamma Mountains just inland of the coast.

The Route is sandwiched between the aforementioned mountains and the Indian Ocean. The Outeniqua and Tsitsikamma indigenous forests are a unique mixture of Cape Fynbos and Temperate Forest and offer hiking trails and eco-tourism activities. Nearly 300 species of bird life are to be found in a variety of habitats ranging from fynbos to forest to wetlands.

Ten nature reserves embrace the varied ecosystems of the area as well as unique marine reserves, home to soft coral reefs, dolphins, seals and a host of other marine life. Various bays along the Garden Route are nurseries to the endangered Southern Right Whale which come there to calve in the winter and spring (July to December).



*VirtualTourist.com voted the Garden Route one of the world's 10 best coastal routes. BBC rated the Oystercatcher Trail one of the world's 50 best walks. You'll rate it one of your top experiences. Ever.*



SAILING BOATS IN MOSSEL BAY HARBOUR

*With more than 300 days of sunshine every year, and more than 60 km of wide, sandy beaches - and with the untouched fynbos of the Outeniqua Mountains, and 165,000 years of human history - **Mossel Bay** is the "Do Stuff" Destination on the Garden Route coast of the Western Cape Province of South Africa.*

Situated exactly half way (400 km in each direction along the N2) between Cape Town and the capital of the Eastern Cape - Port Elizabeth - Mossel Bay is one of South Africa's favourite holiday towns.

The beauty of the natural environment sets the stage for an unusually wide range of outdoor activities that cover the entire spectrum from lying on the beach to shark cage diving, and from hiking, horse riding, and mountain biking to whale- and dolphin-watching and golf (Mossel Bay has two championship par 72, links-style courses). The sailing is exceptionally good here, too, and the Bay has been named the world's best sailing destination by a number of international sailing champions.

But Mossel Bay is also the place where modern human behaviour first emerged (165,000 years ago), and where the first Europeans - under the leadership of Bartolomeu Dias - set foot on South African soil (in 1488). So it's a town that's steeped in culture, and its many museums provide fascinating insights into the country's history - and into the environment of the region.

# Day by Day Itinerary

**DAY 1:** Depart Norway

## DAY 2

On arrival at George Airport on the magnificent Garden Route, you will be met in the arrivals hall by your driver / guide. Private transfer from George Airport to Mossel Bay (Approx. 45 minutes' drive).

Check in at the hotel and evening at leisure.

## DAY 2-28

Enjoy your days at leisure to relax or explore the area. Breakfast can be bought many near by places, and in your room you will find a kitchenette.

Some optional tour ideas includes:

Take an optional whale watching boat trip with a qualified whale guide to see these magnificent creatures.

Point of Human Origin Tour

Elephant Interaction at Indalu

Hiking tours

A half day tour to Jakkalsvlei Wine Farm

Horse riding on the beach

Shark cage diving

Snorkelling or introductory scuba course

A diving experience at Mossel Bay yacht club



WHALE WATCHING

A walking tour through the town of Mossel Bay to some of the old historical areas and houses, including visit to the museum and small aquarium

Tandem skydiving at local airfield or a helicopter flip around the area

A visit to the shark lab and research centre at Mossel Bay point

Deep sea fishing excursion

Visit to the Aloe Ferox factory in Albertinia

All meals and excursions for your own account

Overnight: The Point Village hotel, room only basis

## DAY 29

Check out and settle any extras. Private transfer from the hotel to George Airport in time for your outbound flight.

**DAY 30:** Arrival Norway

# The Point Village Hotel

**The Point Village Hotel** is nestled at the side of a quaint village at The Point in Mossel Bay - Mossel Bay is a popular tourist destination located along the sandy shores of the Indian Ocean. Schools of dolphins like The Point so much that they visit us twice a day! While retaining the colorful and original "fisherman cottage" style, the decor is chic yesterday that blends with modern today. Every day is a lazy Sunday in Mossel Bay - simply relax, do nothing and just experience the magical holiday atmosphere we've created.



POINT VILLAGE ECLECTIC HOTEL



POHO TOUR - CAVE 13B



## INCLUDES

- > Accommodation
- > Return Private Airport transfers
- > Current South African taxes
- > 24/7 local assistance



## EXCLUDES

- > All meals and drinks
- > Airport portorage, Gratuities, Additional tours and entrance fees not mentioned,
- > Items of a person nature

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- > Daily Breakfast
- > Car rental
- > Alternate accommodation
- > Tours and excursions
- > Extra weeks



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