

The Ultimate Guide

ROUTE 62

South Africa

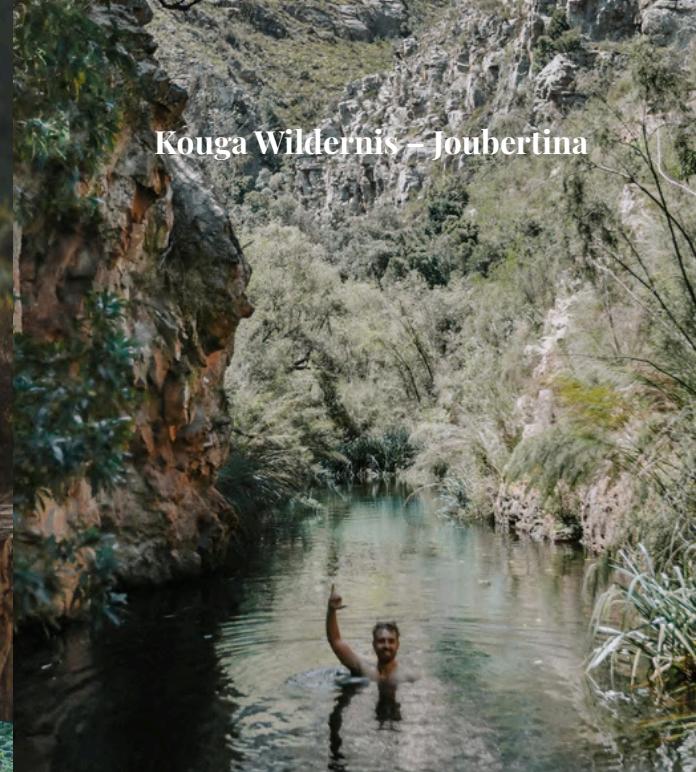


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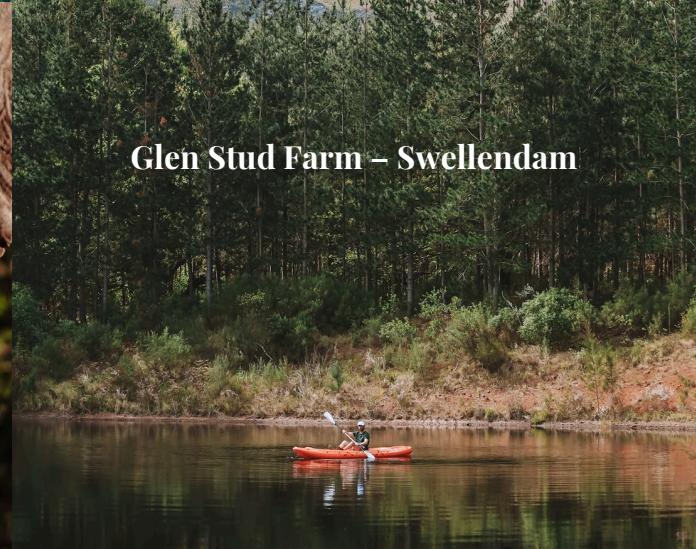
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We're so excited you've chosen to travel along one of South Africa's most iconic routes, and we're honoured to be your companions on the road!

Route 62 isn't just a way to get from A to B – it's where you slow down, take the scenic detour, and discover the charm of South Africa's heartland <3

For us, this route carries a special kind of nostalgia. I (Ruthie) grew up visiting family in Barrydale – my great aunt owned a farm just outside town, and my gran would bring the family here on holidays. Years later, when Josh and I lived in our van, we returned to Route 62 time and again, sometimes spending over a month parked up at one of our favourite campsites and exploring the little towns at a slower pace. It's a road stitched with memories, old and new, and it always feels like a homecoming.

Stretching between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, Route 62 has often been called the **world's longest wine route**, but it's so much more than that.

Its sandstone mountains glow gold in the late afternoon sun, its dusty Karoo roads lead to secret hot springs, its artists' studios and antique shops are tucked into small-town high streets. It's also a place where life slows down, where conversations still happen over a stoep coffee or a glass of something local and delicious.

In this guide, you'll find the places we love most along the route – the farm stays and guesthouses that make you feel instantly at home, the trails that wind towards hidden waterfalls, the restaurants and padstals that offer delicious meals & road snacks. We'll also share the kind of practical advice that makes travelling smoother, along with tips on travelling responsibly so this special part of South Africa keeps its magic for generations to come.

So grab a coffee, or maybe a glass of Route 62's finest wine, and settle in. Let's start planning your road trip through one of the most enchanting regions of the country.

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Meet Your Guides: Josh and Ruthie Betts

Hi there! We're Josh and Ruthie Betts, better known online as [@life_of_betts](#), and we're so excited to be your guides on this Route 62 adventure. Thanks for choosing us ❤️

For the past four years, we've been travelling full-time, exploring every corner of South Africa and beyond. Route 62 has become a road we know like an old friend - from long childhood holidays in Barrydale to the many months we spent living in our van and meandering slowly from town to town. This stretch of road has given us some of our happiest memories, and now we get to share it with you.

Travel is our greatest passion, and helping others experience it to the fullest is what we love most. With our knack for uncovering hidden gems, finding those unforgettable stays, and, of course, hunting down the best local coffee (always top priority), we're here to help you make the most of your journey. This guide isn't just a list of places - it's a collection of experiences we've lived, loved, and can't wait for you to enjoy too. So, pack your sense of adventure, and let's hit the road together through one of South Africa's most unique and beautiful regions.



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The Right to Roam & Traceless Tourism

The Right to Roam

South Africa is a land of wide-open spaces, rugged mountains, and extraordinary biodiversity – but unlike in some countries where a “right to roam” is guaranteed, most land here is privately owned or carefully managed. That means many of the landscapes you’ll admire along Route 62 are on farms, in nature reserves, or within protected areas. Respecting property boundaries, asking for permission, and following local rules is essential.

Luckily, this region is dotted with places where you can explore freely and responsibly. From CapeNature reserves to SANParks’ protected areas, there are endless opportunities to stretch your legs, hike a trail, or simply take in the views without trespassing. Stick to marked paths, follow the signage, and take time to connect with the land in a way that honours both its heritage and its ecology. For many stretches of Route 62, CapeNature and SANParks are the custodians of these natural treasures. They maintain the trails, campsites, and facilities that make exploring safe, enjoyable, and sustainable. It’s always worth checking their websites or local offices for the latest on permits, entry fees, and bookings before you head out.

Traceless Tourism in the Klein Karoo

The landscapes along Route 62 are as fragile as they are beautiful. Practising traceless tourism means doing everything you can to leave the environment exactly as you found it – or even better. Carry your rubbish out with you, avoid picking plants, and give wildlife the space it needs to thrive.

When hiking or camping, stick to designated trails and established sites to protect sensitive habitats. In flower season, admire blooms from the path rather than trampling through fields for a closer look. Small actions really do add up: bring a reusable water bottle, say no to single-use plastics, and opt for accommodation that supports eco-conscious practices wherever possible.

The Klein Karoo and surrounding mountains form a unique ecological corridor, home to rare species you won’t find anywhere else in the world. By treading lightly, we can help keep Route 62’s magic alive for generations of travellers to come.

Seasons / When to Travel, and Where?

Summer (December - February)

Summer along Route 62 is hot, dry, and full of energy. Expect long, sun-drenched days perfect for wine tastings in shady vineyards, dips in farm dams or natural rock pools, and evenings that linger late into the night. The Klein Karoo can get very hot at this time, often pushing into the high 30s, so mornings are best for hikes and outdoor adventures, while afternoons are made for siestas or lazy hours by the pool. This is also peak holiday season, so book accommodation and popular experiences well in advance.

Autumn (March - May)

This is arguably the most beautiful season to travel Route 62. The days are warm but no longer scorching, the nights grow cooler, and the vineyards glow with rich autumn colours. It's the perfect time for long scenic drives, slow food feasts, and mountain hikes without the intensity of summer heat. Harvest season brings grape-picking festivals and wine celebrations across the valleys, making it an especially festive time to visit.

Winter (June - August)

Don't overlook winter on Route 62. While the mountains may be capped with snow and crisp nights call for extra blankets, the days are often clear and sunny, ideal for hiking, hot springs, or cosy weekends tucked into a farm stay. Many guesthouses light their fireplaces, and hearty Karoo cuisine feels especially comforting in winter. Best of all, prices are lower, crowds are fewer, and the landscapes take on a stark, rugged beauty.

Spring (September - November)

Spring is when Route 62 shakes off its winter chill and bursts back to life. Wildflowers spill across the valleys, orchards bloom, and the weather is fresh and bright. This is a great season for outdoor activities, from mountain biking to day hikes, and it's one of the most photogenic times to travel. By late spring, the days are warming fast, but early September and October often strike a perfect balance of mild days and cool evenings.

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Digital Tools

Offline Maps are a Must

Route 62 winds through long mountain passes, quiet valleys, and remote farming towns where mobile signal can be patchy. Before you set off, download offline maps via [Google Maps](#) or [Maps.me](#). Pin key stops like fuel stations, your accommodation, favourite farm stalls, and trailheads so you'll always know where you're going, even when you're out of signal.

Loadshedding Solutions

South Africa's scheduled power outages can catch you off guard if you're not prepared. The [EskomSePush](#) app is a lifesaver - it'll give you up-to-date loadshedding schedules for your exact location so you can plan around them. Keep a portable power bank or solar charger handy, especially if you're camping or staying in smaller towns where backup power isn't guaranteed.

Hiking Apps

Route 62 is packed with walking and hiking trails, from short vineyard strolls to mountain passes and waterfall routes. [AllTrails](#) is brilliant for detailed maps, difficulty ratings, and reviews. Download trails offline before you head out, so you can wander without worry.

Campsite Resources

If you're road tripping with a tent or camper, [iOverlander.com](#) and [Camping SA](#) are excellent for campsite info, GPS coordinates, and reviews. Many campsites along Route 62 come with extras like farm dams, braai spots, and mountain views - and these resources will help you find the ones that suit your style best.

Weather Updates

The Klein Karoo and surrounding mountains can swing from blazing hot days to chilly evenings in a matter of hours. Always check the forecast before a hike or outdoor activity. The [WeatherSA](#) app (or your phone's built-in weather app) will keep you up to date. Pack a hat, sunscreen, and plenty of water in summer, and a warm layer for when the sun dips behind the mountains.

Wildlife & Birding Apps

From dassies on rocky outcrops to colourful sunbirds in the gardens, Route 62 is full of fascinating wildlife. Apps like [iNaturalist](#) and [BirdPro](#) make it easy to identify the plants, birds, and animals you spot along the way.

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Budget

Accommodation Costs

- **Budget-Friendly Options:** Campsites, backpacker lodges, and simple self-catering cottages start from approximately R250–R500 per person per night.
- **Mid-Range Stays:** Guesthouses, B&Bs, and boutique farm stays typically range from R900–R1,800 per room per night.
- **Luxury Escapes:** High-end wine estates, luxury lodges, or private farm cottages can cost R3,000–R8,000+ per night, often including gourmet meals, wine tastings, and exclusive activities.

Activity Costs

- **Low-Cost Adventures:** Many of Route 62's treasures are free or very affordable – think farm walks, mountain hikes, vineyard strolls, and exploring quaint small towns. Entry to nature reserves or heritage sites is usually R50–R100 per person.
- **Mid-Range Fun:** Guided activities like kayaking on rivers, wine tastings with tours, or cultural experiences in towns along the route generally cost R300–R800 per person.
- **High-End Experiences:** Private wine tours, horseback rides on a farm, or exclusive nature safaris can range from R1,500–R4,000+ per person.

Food and Drink

- **Budget Eats:** Groceries for self-catering average R100–R200 per day, while takeaway or café meals cost around R50–R150.
- **Mid-Range Dining:** Expect to pay R180–R350 per person for hearty meals at local restaurants.
- **Fine Dining:** Tasting menus at top wine estates or boutique lodges can range from R500–R1,200 per person, often paired with local wines.

Transport Costs

- **Car Hire:** Essential for exploring, with rentals starting at R400–R650 per day, excluding fuel.
- **Fuel Costs:** Budget R800–R1,500+, depending on the route and distances you plan to cover.
- **Tolls:** Rare along Route 62, but allow R100 – R150 just in case.

Daily Budget Estimates

- **Budget Traveller:** R500–R900 per day
- **Comfort-Seeker:** R1,300–R2,500 per day
- **Luxury Explorer:** R4,500+ per day

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Packing List



Clothing Essentials

- Layer up: The Klein Karoo weather along Route 62 can swing from hot midday sunshine to cool mountain-evenings, so bring lightweight layers for the day and warmer clothing for early mornings or evenings. A fleece or windbreaker comes in very handy.
- Activewear: Comfortable gear & quick-dry fabrics are ideal.
- Rain gear: Even though it's inland, you'll still want a compact waterproof jacket or poncho for the odd surprise shower.
- Swimwear: Yes, for those farm dams, natural rock pools or even a guest-house pool if you're staying somewhere with a view.
- Sun hat & sunglasses: The sun in the Karoo is fierce—protect yourself.

Footwear

- Supportive hiking boots or trail shoes.
- Sandals or flip-flops.
- Casual sneakers or flats: For wandering through small towns, guesthouses, wine estates or markets.

Outdoor & Adventure Gear

- Daypack: For your shorter excursions—trails, vineyard walks, scenic stops—with pockets for water, snacks, and a hat.
- Reusable water bottle: Especially important in the dry Karoo climate.
- Binoculars: Great for spotting dassies on rocks, birds in the scrub, or a distant mountain panorama.
- Headlamp or flashlight: Useful if you're camping!
- Quick-dry towel: Handy if you dip into a rock pool.

Tech & Navigation

- Phone & charger.
- Power bank.
- Offline maps: Before you leave the towns and signal gets patchy, download your route and key stops (fuel, accommodation, trailheads).
- Camera or GoPro.
- Universal adapter: Especially helpful for international visitors or if you bring multiple devices.

Toiletries & Health

- Sunscreen: SPF 30+ recommended—the Karoo sun doesn't mess around.
- Bug spray/ Mosquito repellent.
- First aid kit: Basic items like plasters, painkillers, antihistamines, antiseptic cream.
- Personal toiletries: Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap etc.

Documents & Essentials

- ID or Passport: Always keep copies (digital or photo) just in case.
- Booking confirmations: Accommodation, activities, etc.
- Cash: Some smaller farm stalls, local cafés or padstals may not take cards or the signal might fail.

Extras to Consider

- Snacks: Energy bars, trail mix—perfect for long drives between towns or vineyards.
- Book, Kindle or other entertainment: Ideal for downtime at your guesthouse or when you've parked for the evening.
- Eco-friendly bags: For shopping at farm stalls, carrying wet gear or reducing single-use plastic.

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Navigating the Route 62



Airport

If you're flying in, Cape Town International Airport remains the most convenient starting point for a Route 62 drive. From Cape Town you're well positioned to begin the route through the wine valleys and into the Klein Karoo. Another option, depending on your direction, is to fly into George Airport (or for the eastern end of the route, Gqeberha Airport formerly Port Elizabeth) and then drive the route in the reverse direction.

Self-Drive

Driving is truly the best way to experience Route 62.

- Car Hire: Car hire is available from Cape Town and George airports, with rates starting from around R450 – R700 per day depending on vehicle type. If you're venturing onto gravel roads, choose something with decent ground clearance.

- Fuel & Road Conditions: The main R62 route is paved throughout, but many of the scenic detours and farm-place roads are gravel or less formal. Fill up when you have the chance and keep fuel top-up in mind when venturing into more remote areas.
- Time & Distance: The full scenic length of Route 62 spans approximately 850 km from Cape Town through to Gqeberha, though many travellers do segments of it.

Bus Services

If you prefer not to drive, one public-coach option is Langeberg Busdiens—they operate services connecting towns like George → Albertinia → Riversdale and quote fares around R450 one-way. Be sure to check the current timetable and exact stops for the segment of R62 you plan to travel.

Contact: 044 695 2034 / 044 695 2271 / email langebergbusdiens@gmail.com

Wildlife & Animals

One of the most charming things about travelling Route 62 is how alive it feels- this scenic inland route winds through mountains, farmlands, and semi-arid plains where wildlife roams freely and every town has its own quirks. Keep your eyes open-you might spot a tortoise crossing the road or an ostrich strutting beside a vineyard!

Free-Roaming Wildlife & Local Quirks

Route 62 runs through the Klein Karoo, home to an incredible mix of wild and farm animals. Between Barrydale, Calitzdorp, and Oudtshoorn, it's common to see ostriches grazing along fences-this region is the ostrich capital of the world, after all!

You may also encounter wild tortoises slowly crossing the road (especially in the warmer months), so drive carefully and give them right of way. In the quieter valleys near Montagu and Ladismith, look out for baboon troops, klipspringers, and the occasional caracal if you're lucky. Bird enthusiasts will love spotting verreaux's eagles soaring over the mountain passes, sunbirds in fynbos gardens, and blue cranes in farmlands near Robertson. In spring, you'll hear frogs and insects buzzing near rivers and farm dams-the soundtrack of the Karoo waking up after the rain.

Animal Encounters & Sanctuaries

For up-close experiences, Route 62 has some truly special spots:

- **Highgate Ostrich Show Farm – Oudtshoorn:** The oldest working ostrich farm in the world. Visitors can hand-feed ostriches and learn about the region's rich ostrich-farming history.
- **Cango Wildlife Ranch – Oudtshoorn:** A conservation centre where you can bottle-feed giraffes, see big cats, crocodiles, and lemurs, and learn about their breeding and rehabilitation projects.
- **Inverdoorn Game Reserve – near Worcester:** For a true safari experience, this Big 5 reserve offers guided drives to see elephants, rhino, buffalo, and cheetahs just a few hours from Cape Town.
- **Sanbona Wildlife Reserve – near Montagu:** One of the largest private reserves in the Western Cape, home to free-roaming white lions, giraffes, zebras, and more. It's a luxury option-but unforgettable.

Roadside Wildlife Watchlist

-  **Leopard tortoises** – Common between Barrydale and Calitzdorp.
-  **Ostriches** – Around Oudtshoorn.
-  **Baboons** – Spotted around mountain passes near Montagu and Tradouw Pass.



Now that we've covered all our bases
let's get started

Nyosi Wildlife Reserve – Gqeberha

Little Footprints

Guinevere Guest Farm – Tulbagh

Family Friendly Stays



Nestled in the historic Land van Waveren Valley near Tulbagh, Guinevere Guest Farm is ideal for family groups wanting space, comfort and countryside charm. The large farmhouse sleeps up to 28 adults (plus children) with nine en-suite bedrooms and a full self-catering kitchen, living spaces and pool.

- Accommodation: Entire farmhouse self-catering, 9 bedrooms, large dining hall
- Sleeps: Up to ~32 (premium groups)
- Rates: From R12,000 per night (weeknights) / R18,000 per night (weekends) for exclusive use of the unit.
- Pet Friendly: Yes On-request.
- Activities: Swimming pool, garden braai area, nature walks, wine-tastings nearby, bird-watching
- Nearby Attractions: Church Street historic Tulbagh, local orchards, valley hikes.

The Cottage at Melozhori Private Game Reserve – Bonnievale

Set on a 2,300-hectare predator-free reserve, The Cottage at Melozhori is a luxury family escape surrounded by pristine wilderness. With its private splash pool, wood-fired hot tub, and endless views of the valley, this stay perfectly balances comfort and nature.

- Accommodation: 2-bedroom self-catering cottage
- Sleeps: 4 adults and 2 small children.
- Rates: From R6,000 per night for 4 people.
- Pet Friendly: Yes
- Activities: Game drives, mountain biking, guided walks, star gazing, and relaxing in the hot tub while watching giraffe graze nearby
- Nearby Attractions: Bonnievale Wine Route, Robertson Wine Valley

Middelpunt Cottages – Robertson

Tucked away on a working farm near Robertson, Middelpunt offers two stylish self-catering cottages – Salt and Pepper – both ideal for families looking for peace, comfort, and farm charm. Each cottage comes with a private patio, braai area, hottub, and access to the dam for swimming or paddling.

- Accommodation: Salt Cottage (1-bedroom) and Pepper Cottage (2-bedroom)
- Sleeps: 2 or 4 people per cottage.
- Rates: From R2,800 per night.
- Pet Friendly: Yes small pets allowed.
- Activities: Farm walks, swimming, braaiing, birdwatching
- Nearby Attractions: Robertson Wine Valley, Van Loveren Family Vineyards.



360on62 Farm Cottages – Montagu

On the Route 62 corridor in Montagu, 360on62 offers self-catering farm cottages perfect for families looking for space and local charm. Comfortable cottage units, direct farm environment, and good access to Montagu's activities.

- Accommodation: Self-catering farm cottages, some with hottubs.
- Sleeps: Varies by cottage (2–6+)
- Rates: Between R2,000 – R2,500 per night depending on the unit.
- Pet Friendly: Yes 
- Activities: Farm walks, orchard scenery, easy access to mountain hiking and local swimming sites
- Nearby Attractions: Montagu town centre, Cogmans Kloof, hot springs

Hide Montagu – Montagu

Perched on a hillside within the Le Domaine Eco Reserve near Montagu Dam, Hide Montagu is a stylish, spacious self-catering house that works for families needing a luxury stay with outdoor space.

- Accommodation: 2 bedrooms + 2 bathrooms in self-catering house
- Sleeps: Up to 4
- Rates: From approx R3,750–R4,450 per night for 4 people
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Private deck, fire-pit, splash pool, nature reserve walks
- Nearby Attractions: Montagu Dam, Le Domaine walking trails, village cafes

Vygievlei Be In McGregor – McGregor

Set in the village of McGregor, Vygievlei offers a warm, home-style family stay in a charming village environment. Families can enjoy garden space, easy walking to village shops & cafés.

- Accommodation: Spacious three-bedroom self-catering family home.
- Sleeps: Up to 6.
- Rates: R2,200 – R2,800 per night.
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Village walk, craft shops, nearby nature trails
- Nearby Attractions: McGregor village, rural vineyards, river swims



Vygievlei Be In McGregor – McGregor





Glen Stud Farm – Swellendam

A hidden gem on a peaceful farm just outside Swellendam, Glen Stud Farm combines rustic countryside charm with plenty of space for kids to roam. Families can relax on the veranda overlooking the mountains, enjoy the farm animals, or explore nearby hiking trails as the property borders the Marloth Nature Reserve.

- Accommodation: Self-catering farmhouse and cottages
- Sleeps: 2–6 people (depending on unit)
- Rates: From R4,000 per night for 4 people
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Farm walks, swimming in the dam, hiking and cycling
- Nearby Attractions: Bontebok National Park, Marloth Nature Reserve, Drostdy Museum

Cooper's Highlands – Jeffreys Bay

Just outside Jeffreys Bay, Cooper's Highlands offers hottub family cabins with space for children and proximity to the coast. Ideal for combining beach time with Route 62's tail end.

- Accommodation: Surfer's Bush Cabin, 4 guests in two en-suite bedrooms.
- Sleeps: 2 or 4 sleeper cabins.
- Rates: R1,950 – R3,000 per night.
- Pet Friendly: Yes, only at Treetop Cabin. 
- Activities: Beach access, surf lessons for kids, family walks in nature
- Nearby Attractions: Jeffreys Bay surf spots, local markets

Courtyard Hotel – Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth)

Located right on the beachfront in Summerstrand, Courtyard Hotel is a top pick for families finishing their Route 62 journey with a little sea breeze. The hotel offers spacious rooms with sea views, friendly service, and a relaxed coastal atmosphere.

- Accommodation: Hotel rooms and family suites (Standard Twin Room with Sea View available)
- Sleeps: 2–4 people (depending on room type)
- Rates: From R2,500 per night for 2 people including breakfast
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Outdoor swimming pool, fitness centre, beachfront walking path, on-site restaurant and bar
- Nearby Attractions: Hobie Beach, The Boardwalk Mall, Bayworld Museum, and the scenic beachfront promenade



Courtyard Hotel – Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth)

Dreamy Destinations

Romantic Getaways

Adara Palmiet Valley – Paarl

Tucked away on a working wine estate in the heart of Paarl, Adara Palmiet Valley blends Cape Dutch heritage with modern luxury. Think rolling vineyards, mountain views, and elegant rooms that whisper romance. The infinity pool and on-site restaurant make it the perfect Paarl escape.

- Accommodation: Luxury suites and manor rooms
- Sleeps: 2 people per room
- Rates: From R4,000 per night for 2 people (including breakfast)
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Wine tastings, poolside relaxation, spa treatments, fine dining
- Nearby Attractions: Spice Route, Fairview Wine & Cheese, Paarl Rock

Ceci Cabin – Stay Unique – Ceres

On the outskirts of Ceres, Ceci Cabin is a hidden mountain escape with designer touches. Couples love the outdoor tub, mountain silence, and minimalist glass architecture.

- Accommodation: Luxury off-grid cabin
- Sleeps: 2 people
- Rates: From R4,200 per night for 2 people
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Hiking, stargazing, outdoor bath, photography
- Nearby Attractions: Ceres Zipline, Gydo Pass, cherry farms

Bergsicht Country Farm Cottages – Tulbagh

Set on a working fruit farm just outside Tulbagh, Bergsicht Country Cottages are known for their private hot tubs, mountain views, and cosy interiors – perfect for couples seeking a peaceful farm escape.

- Accommodation: Self-catering cottages with fireplaces and hot tubs
- Sleeps: 2 people
- Rates: From R1,900 per night for 2 people
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Hot tub soaks, wine tasting, hiking, and cycling through orchards
- Nearby Attractions: Saronsberg Cellar, Tulbagh Wine Route, Tulbagh Village

Dreamy Destinations

Romantic Getaways

Vrolikheid Landgoed Accommodation – Tulbagh

A hidden gem between the orchards and vineyards of Tulbagh, Vrolikheid Landgoed offers boutique self-catering stays surrounded by incredible mountain views. Each cottage is styled for relaxation, with private wood-fired tubs and braai decks.

- Accommodation: Luxury self-catering cottages
- Sleeps: 2–4 people
- Rates: From R2,500 per night for 2 people
- Pet Friendly: Yes , some cabins & the campsite.
- Activities: Wine tasting, farm walks, hot tub under the stars
- Nearby Attractions: Tulbagh Town, Saronsberg Wine Estate

Pat Busch Mountain Reserve – Oak Cottage – Robertson

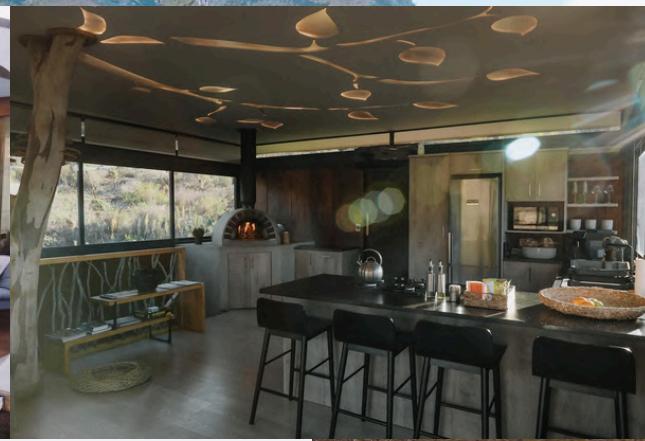
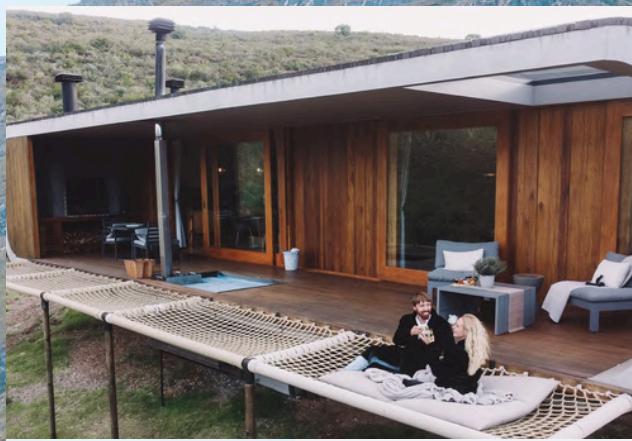
Surrounded by the Langeberg Mountains, Pat Busch Mountain Reserve is pure peace and privacy. The Oak Cottage is ideal for couples looking for a cozy forest-style retreat, with a wood-fired hot tub.

- Accommodation: Self-catering cottage in a private nature reserve
- Sleeps: 2 people
- Rates: From R1,080 per person per night.
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Swimming in the dam, hiking, canoeing, birdwatching
- Nearby Attractions: Robertson Wine Valley, Klaasvoogds Game Reserve

The Treehouse at Melozhori Private Game Reserve – Bonnievale

A one-of-a-kind luxury stay suspended between the treetops, The Treehouse at Melozhori is pure romance. Floor-to-ceiling glass walls reveal sweeping views of the reserve, with wildlife often grazing nearby.

- Accommodation: Luxury glass-walled treehouse
- Sleeps: 2 people
- Rates: From R6,750 per night for 2 people
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Game drives, bush picnics, outdoor hot tub, stargazing
- Nearby Attractions: Robertson Wine Valley, Bonnievale Wine Route



Melozhori Private Game Reserve – Bonnievale

Dreamy Destinations

Romantic Getaways

The Pods at Melozhori Private Game Reserve – Bonnievale

Sleek, modern, and eco-conscious, The Pods offer the ultimate private escape. With 180° views and a wood-fired hot tub overlooking the valley, it's a honeymooner's dream.

- Accommodation: 2 luxury glass pods
- Sleeps: 2 people each
- Rates: From R4,250 per night for 2 people
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Game drives, mountain biking, guided walks, birdwatching
- Nearby Attractions: Bonnievale and Robertson wine estates

The Mountain House at Abrikoos Kloof Private Pod Reserve – Montagu

Perched high in the Langeberg Mountains, The Mountain House combines rugged isolation with luxury. Huge glass windows open to sweeping views, with a private outdoor bath and braai area perfect for sunset moments.

- Accommodation: Off-grid luxury mountain cabin
- Sleeps: 2 people
- Rates: From R6,325 per night for 2 people
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Mountain walks, stargazing, wood-fired cooking, wild swimming
- Nearby Attractions: Montagu Hot Springs, wine farms, Route 62 art galleries

The Barn House at Abrikoos Kloof Private Pod Reserve – Montagu

A modern farmhouse-style retreat set in a secluded valley, The Barn House offers an open-plan space with huge glass doors that frame the dramatic mountain scenery.

- Accommodation: Self-catering luxury barn-style home
- Sleeps: 2 people
- Rates: From R5,000 per night for 2 people
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Wood-fired hot tub, hiking trails, nature walks, wine tasting nearby
- Nearby Attractions: Montagu Village, tractor rides, art studios



Abrikoos Kloof Private Pod Reserve, Montagu

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Romantic Getaways

Stil – Montagu

An ultra-stylish stay in Montagu's peaceful Klein Karoo setting, Stil blends minimalism with comfort. Each unit has an outdoor bath and deck overlooking the mountains. It's peaceful, modern, and wonderfully slow.

- Accommodation: Boutique self-catering units
- Sleeps: 2 people
- Rates: From R2,200 per night for 2 people
- Pet Friendly: No 
- Activities: Outdoor bathing, nearby wine farms, village walks
- Nearby Attractions: Montagu Hot Springs, Route 62 markets

The Palm Cottage at The Hamlet Countryside Retreat – Swellendam

Romance meets countryside comfort at The Hamlet Countryside Retreat near Swellendam. The Palm Cottage is perfect for couples wanting space, peace, and Karoo-style charm.

- Accommodation: Self-catering cottage
- Sleeps: 2 people
- Rates: From R2,600 per night for 2 people
- Pet Friendly: Yes  (small pets by arrangement)
- Activities: Hiking, swimming, braaiing, birdwatching
- Nearby Attractions: Marloth Nature Reserve, Swellendam Old Drostdy

Shaloha Guesthouse on Supertubes – Jeffreys Bay

Overlooking the world-famous Supertubes surf break, Shaloha Guesthouse offers beachfront luxury with panoramic ocean views. Every room feels like a private retreat, complete with crisp linens and ocean breezes.

- Accommodation: Luxury guesthouse rooms and suites
- Sleeps: 2 people
- Rates: From R2,400 per night for 2 people (including breakfast)
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Beach walks, surfing, yoga, sundowners on the deck
- Nearby Attractions: Dolphin Beach, Surf Village, local restaurants



Stil – Montagu

Dreamy Destinations

Romantic Getaways

No5 Boutique Art Hotel by Mantis – Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth)

An icon of Eastern Cape elegance, No5 Boutique Art Hotel is a 5-star hotel blending art deco luxury with modern indulgence. Ideal for couples who love design, wine, and fine dining.

- Accommodation: Luxury suites with art-filled interiors
- Sleeps: 2 people
- Rates: From R4,200 per night for 2 people (including breakfast)
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: On-site restaurant & bar, spa, art gallery
- Nearby Attractions: The Boardwalk, Hobie Beach, Shark Rock Pier

The Plantation – Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth)

Surrounded by forest and manicured gardens, The Plantation offers a boutique countryside escape just 10 minutes from the city. It's a popular wedding venue and romantic stay rolled into one.

- Accommodation: Elegant suites and garden cottages
- Sleeps: 2 people
- Rates: From R3,000 per night for 2 people
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Forest walks, picnics, photography, relaxation
- Nearby Attractions: Sardinia Bay, Seaview Game & Lion Park



AfriCamps at Doolhof – Wellington

Tucked between mountains and vineyards, AfriCamps at Doolhof is a luxury glamping retreat on a working wine estate. Each tent has a private hot tub and panoramic views of the Wellington valley – ideal for slow mornings and starry nights.

- Accommodation: 6 boutique meadow & 10 mountain glamping tents.
- Sleeps: 2–5 people per tent
- Rates: From R1,940 – R2,500 per night
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Wine tasting, MTB trails, picnics along the river, and hiking on the estate
- Nearby Attractions: Bain's Kloof Pass, Doolhof Wine Estate, Wellington Wine Route

Balie's Gat Camp & Accommodation (Oupa Tienie Glamping) – Ceres

Set beside crystal-clear mountain pools, this secluded glamping spot is the ultimate wild retreat. Private tents come with outdoor baths, a braai area, and direct access to hiking trails and waterfalls.

- Accommodation: Luxury glamping tents
- Sleeps: 2–4 people
- Rates: From R732 per person per night
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Rock pools, hiking, swimming, braai
- Nearby Attractions: Ceres Zipline Adventures, Matroosberg Nature Reserve

Springsteen Cabins – Tulbagh

Perched high in the Tulbagh Valley, these off-grid cabins celebrate simple, sustainable living. With breathtaking views, outdoor baths, and total privacy, it's the perfect escape for couples or solo travellers craving connection with nature.

- Accommodation: Three self catering eco-cabins with hot tubs.
- Sleeps: 2 – 4 people
- Rates: From R2,500 per night
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: River swims, hiking, stargazing, braaiing under the stars
- Nearby Attractions: Tulbagh Wine Route, Theuniskraal Cellar, historic Church Street



AfriCamps at Doolhof – Wellington



Cave House Abrikoos Kloof Private Pod Reserve – Montagu

Hidden deep in the mountains outside Montagu, Abrikoos Kloof's Cave House is unlike anywhere else – a private rock hideaway built into the hillside. Completely off-grid and surrounded by rugged beauty, it's a dream for adventurers seeking silence.

- Accommodation: Cave House
- Sleeps: 2 people
- Rates: From R5,500 per night
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Private hiking trails, wood-fired hot tub, mountain views
- Nearby Attractions: Montagu Springs, Cogman's Kloof Pass

De Nest Dome – Montagu

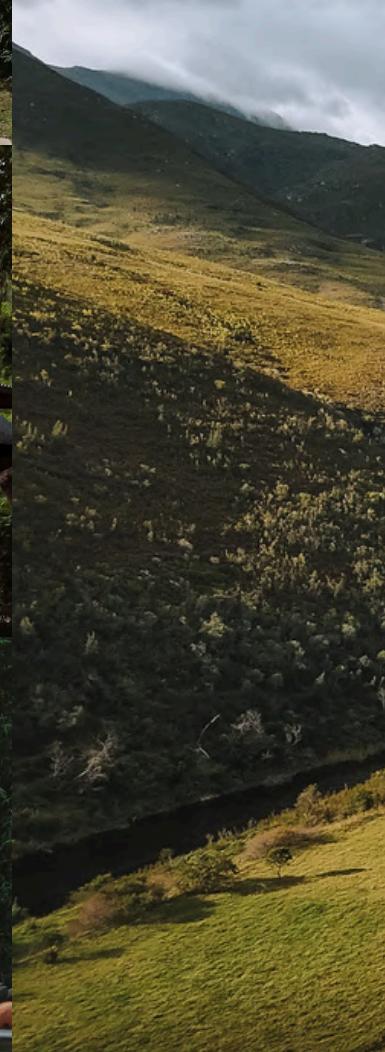
A stay straight out of a nature lovers dream, this geodome sits under huge trees just outside Montagu, offering total seclusion, an outdoor bathtub and nature views.

- Accommodation: Geodesic dome with basic kitchenette.
- Sleeps: 2 people
- Rates: From R2,550 per night
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Hot tub, hiking, outdoor firepit
- Nearby Attractions: Montagu Village, Avalon Springs, hiking trails

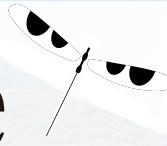
Frog Mountain Getaway – Swellendam

Set on the banks of the Buffeljags River, this farm stay blends comfort and wilderness. Cottages overlook green pastures and mountain peaks, with canoes, river swings, and waterfalls in the backyard..

- Accommodation: Self-catering cottages and family houses (some with hot tubs)
- Sleeps: 2–10 people
- Rates: From R1,300 per night
- Pet Friendly: Yes  by prior arrangement
- Activities: Canoeing, hiking, birdwatching, swimming
- Nearby Attractions: Bontebok National Park, Marloth Nature Reserve



Frog Mountain Getaway – Swellendam



Akasia Mountain Retreat – Heidelberg

A private mountain villa perfect for groups and families, with dramatic views, spacious living areas, and an outdoor Moroccan stargazing bed. Peaceful, scenic, and designed for slow mountain living.

- Accommodation: A full mountain retreat (main house + 2 cottages rented as one unit).
- Sleeps: Up to 10 people (5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms).
- Rates: From R3,300 for a couple + R300 per extra person, up to R5,700 per night for 10 people.
- Pet Friendly: Yes 
- Activities: Guided kloof or river hike (included), orientation drive, live music hour, stargazing, braaiing, pool table.
- Nearby Attractions: Heidelberg village, mountain viewpoints, farm stalls.

Absolutely Wild – Barrydale

A brand-new nature resort just outside Barrydale, Absolutely Wild offers a resort-style campsite, glamping tents and chalets surrounded by wildlife, slides, and open Karoo air. Ideal for families or couples looking for a mix of fun and tranquility.

- Accommodation: Campsites, glamping and chalets
- Sleeps: Varies
- Rates: From R400 per night
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Game viewing, pools, playground, walking trails
- Nearby Attractions: Diesel & Crème, Barrydale Cellar

Karoo 62 – Ladismith

Off-grid luxury meets rugged beauty at Karoo 62. With its wide-open views, private pools, and rustic elegance, it's a haven for nature lovers seeking peace under the stars.

- Accommodation: Private eco-cottages
- Sleeps: 2–4 people
- Rates: From R1,600 per night
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Hiking, mountain biking, braaiing, birdwatching
- Nearby Attractions: Towerkop hiking trail, Ladismith Wine Cellar



Akasia Mountain Retreat – Heidelberg





Aardts Cabins – De Rust

Tucked beneath the Swartberg mountains, Aardts Cabins offer a unique escape with scenic views, a wood-fired tub, and endless Karoo skies.

- Accommodation: Off-grid cabin.
- Sleeps: 2–4 people
- Rates: From R1,800 per night
- Pet Friendly: Yes  by arrangement
- Activities: Hiking, stargazing, braaiing under the stars
- Nearby Attractions: Meiringspoort Waterfall, De Rust Village, Swartberg Pass

Surf Lodge South Africa – Jeffreys Bay

A beachfront lodge with laid-back surf energy, offering rooms with ocean views and direct access to one of J-Bay's best surf breaks. Expect beach bonfires, yoga, and sunsets over the waves. Join a surf package for 8 days of sun, sand and sea!

- Accommodation: Lodge rooms and dorms
- Sleeps: 2–4 people
- Rates: From R1,200 per night or Surf Package R7,550 for 7 nights.
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Surfing, yoga, hiking, beach walks
- Nearby Attractions: Supertubes, Dolphin Beach, Jeffreys Bay Surf Museum

Kouga Wildernis – Joubertina

Hidden in the Kouga Mountains, this eco-retreat combines rugged wilderness with comfort. Wooden cabins overlook the valley, and there's a natural swimming pool for summer dips.

- Accommodation: Eco-cabins and campsites
- Sleeps: 2–6 people
- Rates: From R900 per night
- Pet Friendly: Yes  by arrangement
- Activities: River hiking, birding, natural pools, braai
- Nearby Attractions: Tsitsikamma hiking trails, Kouga River

Nature's Embrace

Nature Lover Getaways



Kleinrivier Mountain Escapes – Gqeberha

An off-grid mountain retreat offering two unique stays - the Stone Mountain Lodge and the Black Eagle Tented Lodge - both with sweeping valley views and total peace.

- Accommodation: Stone Lodge & Tented Lodge
- Sleeps: 2–8 people
- Rates: From R1,800 per night
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Hiking, birdwatching, mountain biking
- Nearby Attractions: Van Stadens Nature Reserve, Lady's Slipper hiking trail

Nyosi Wildlife Reserve – Gqeberha

Just outside the city, Nyosi Wildlife Reserve blends luxury and conservation. Stay in a glass-fronted eco-cabin overlooking the valley - surrounded by giraffe, zebra, and wide-open wilderness.

- Accommodation: Luxury eco-lodges inside a peri-urban game reserve.
- Sleeps: 2–4 people
- Rates: From R3,800 per night
- Pet Friendly: No.
- Activities: Guided game drives, nature walks, sundowners
- Nearby Attractions: Seaview Lion Park, Sardinia Bay Nature Reserve



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Campsites We Love

Berg River Resort – Paarl

Family-friendly riverside camping along the Berg River with large shady stands, swimming pools, and canoeing. A long-time local favourite for summer getaways.

Website: [Berg River Resort](#)

Price: From R450 per night for 2 people

Pet Friendly: No

Vroelikheid Landgoed – Tulbagh

A peaceful fruit farm stay offering spacious grassy stands, a splash pool, and a kids' play area. The campsite has a well-equipped kitchen, stylish ablutions, and mountain views.

Website: [Vroelikheid Landgoed](#)

Price: From R2 500 per night for up to 10 people

Pet Friendly: Yes (by arrangement) 

Melkhout Guest Farm – Bonnievale

Rustic riverside camping on a dairy farm beside the Breede River. Each site has a wooden deck, hot shower, kitchen, and mountain views. Electricity, WiFi, and braai areas provided.

Website: [Melkhout Guest Farm](#)

Price: From R225 per person per night

Pet Friendly: Yes (by arrangement) 

Glen Eden Farm – Montagu

A tranquil farm campsite surrounded by orchards and rolling hills. Guests can relax in wood-fired hot tubs, enjoy scenic walks, or meet the resident animals.

Website: [Glen Eden Farm](#)

Price: From R300 per night for 2 people

Pet Friendly: Yes 

Montagu Guano Caves – Montagu

Family-friendly campsite set at the base of the Langeberg Mountains. Expect caves, pools, hiking trails, and natural hot springs nearby.

Website: [Montagu Guano Caves](#)

Price: From R250 per person per night

Pet Friendly: Yes (by arrangement) 





Glen Eden Farm – Montagu

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Campsites We Love

Absolutely Wild Camping – Barrydale

A brand-new resort-style campsite with game viewing, water slides, an indoor play park, and spacious grassy stands. Perfect for families and groups.

Website: [Absolutely Wild](#)

Price: From R350 per night for 2 people

Pet Friendly: Yes 

Karoo Water Guest Farm Caravan & Camping Park – near Ladismith

A peaceful Karoo escape with large, private stands, swimming pools, hiking trails, and a restaurant on-site. Known for stargazing and warm hospitality.

Website: [Karoo Water Guest Farm](#)

Price: From R280 per person per night

Pet Friendly: Yes 

De Hoek Mountain Resort – Oudtshoorn

Beautiful mountain setting near the Cango Caves with shady stands, a pool, playground, and hiking trails. Ideal for families and nature lovers.

Website: [De Hoek Mountain Resort](#)

Price: From R300 per night for 2 people

Pet Friendly: Yes 

The Willows Resort – Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth)

Seaside camping with sweeping ocean views, private braai areas, and clean facilities. A great base for exploring the Sunshine Coast.

Website: [The Willows Resort](#)

Price: From R400 per night for 2 people

Pet Friendly: No

Addo Elephant National Park Campsite – Addo

Camp among the wildlife at one of South Africa's most iconic parks. Each site has power points, braai areas, and access to communal facilities.

Website: [SANParks – Addo Elephant Park](#)

Price: From R370 per night for 2 people

Pet Friendly: No (inside the park)



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Campsites We Love

Van Stadens Resort – Gqeberha

Nestled in a forested valley beside the Van Stadens River, this campsite offers shady stands, a pool, and playground.

Website: [Van Stadens Resort](#)

Price: From R250 per night for 2 people

Pet Friendly: No.

Homestead B&B & Camping – Addo

Unpretentious, quiet campsite just outside Addo Elephant Park. Features grassy stands, hot showers, and a friendly family-run atmosphere.

Website: [Homestead B&B](#)

Price: From R250 per night for 2 people

Pet Friendly: Yes 

Dolphin Beach Caravan Park – Jeffreys Bay

Beachfront campsite right on the sand with surf access, clean ablutions, and a family-friendly vibe. Close to restaurants and J-Bay's famous waves.

Website: [Dolphin Beach Caravan Park](#)

Price: From R450 per night for 2 people

Pet Friendly: No.

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Restaurants We Love

Paarl – Blacksmith's Kitchen at Nederburg

Hidden in the heart of Paarl's wine estate scene, Blacksmith's Kitchen blends classic Cape-Dutch elegance with warm local hospitality. Expect rich, hearty dishes made from seasonal produce and Nederburg wines that pair perfectly. Ask to be seated in the old wine cellar for a uniquely atmospheric dinner.

Wellington – Vygie Kitchen & Dining Room

Tucked on a fruit farm just outside Wellington, Vygie serves bright, flavourful dishes made with farm ingredients and regional wines. Relaxed yet refined, it's the perfect countryside lunch stop. Sit on the veranda for vineyard views as the sun dips behind the mountains.

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Wolseley – Die Boord Restaurant & Farmstall

A countryside gem where farm-fresh comfort food meets generous hospitality. Enjoy Karoo-style burgers, wood-fired pizzas, and warm bread straight from the oven. Stop by the farmstall next door to pick up local preserves and handmade rusks.

Tulbagh – Readers Restaurant

Set in a Cape Dutch building on Church Street, Readers is Tulbagh's long-loved dining spot. Think creative seasonal dishes and warm service in a charming, historical setting. Visit on a Friday for their chef's special –it's always something new.

Ceres – Harvest Table Bistro

Ceres' go-to for honest, farm-to-table inspired cooking. Expect generous portions, local ingredients, and beautiful plating in a laid-back space. Order their Harvest Board –a sharing platter perfect for two.

Worcester – The Hussar Grill Worcester

A classic South African steakhouse done right –polished, welcoming, and consistently excellent. Perfect for a date night or road-trip indulgence. The Chateaubriand is legendary –go hungry!

Robertson – Four Cousins Restaurant

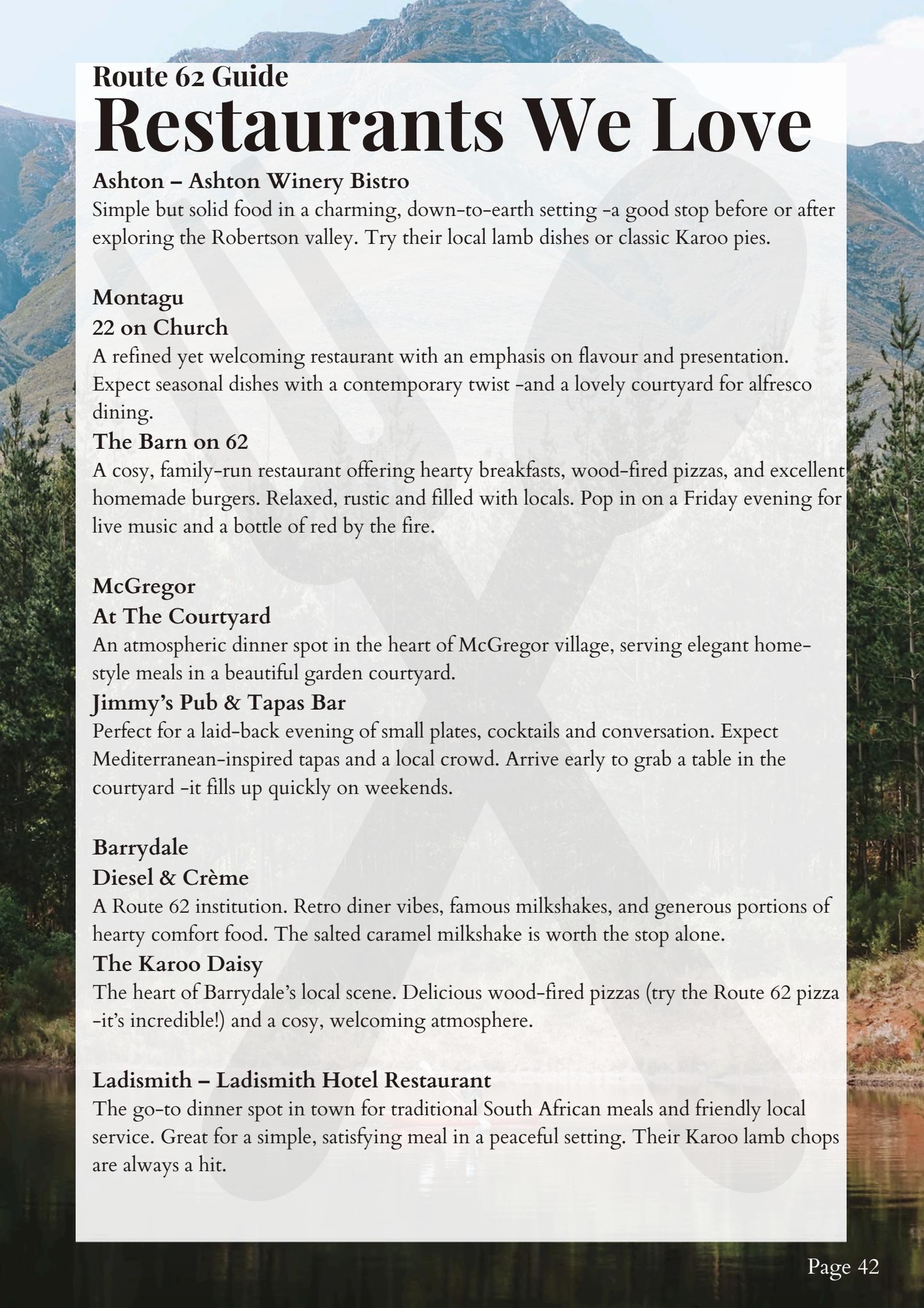
Casual, bright and full of life, this is the home of South Africa's beloved Four Cousins wines. Expect good food, relaxed service, and a menu perfect for families or groups. Try their wine & food pairing –it's great value and lots of fun.

Nuy – Nuy on the Hill

An iconic stop between Worcester and Robertson with panoramic vineyard views and delicious bistro fare. Perfect for a mid-road-trip lunch and glass of bubbly. Book ahead on weekends –it's a favourite among locals and travellers alike.

Bonnievale – Kapokbos at Weltevreden Wine Estate

Elegant, peaceful and very much “hidden gem” material. Expect local ingredients, thoughtful presentation, and warm service surrounded by vines and roses. Make time for a post-lunch cellar tour and tasting.



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Ashton – Ashton Winery Bistro

Simple but solid food in a charming, down-to-earth setting -a good stop before or after exploring the Robertson valley. Try their local lamb dishes or classic Karoo pies.

Montagu

22 on Church

A refined yet welcoming restaurant with an emphasis on flavour and presentation. Expect seasonal dishes with a contemporary twist -and a lovely courtyard for alfresco dining.

The Barn on 62

A cosy, family-run restaurant offering hearty breakfasts, wood-fired pizzas, and excellent homemade burgers. Relaxed, rustic and filled with locals. Pop in on a Friday evening for live music and a bottle of red by the fire.

McGregor

At The Courtyard

An atmospheric dinner spot in the heart of McGregor village, serving elegant home-style meals in a beautiful garden courtyard.

Jimmy's Pub & Tapas Bar

Perfect for a laid-back evening of small plates, cocktails and conversation. Expect Mediterranean-inspired tapas and a local crowd. Arrive early to grab a table in the courtyard -it fills up quickly on weekends.

Barrydale

Diesel & Crème

A Route 62 institution. Retro diner vibes, famous milkshakes, and generous portions of hearty comfort food. The salted caramel milkshake is worth the stop alone.

The Karoo Daisy

The heart of Barrydale's local scene. Delicious wood-fired pizzas (try the Route 62 pizza -it's incredible!) and a cosy, welcoming atmosphere.

Ladismith – Ladismith Hotel Restaurant

The go-to dinner spot in town for traditional South African meals and friendly local service. Great for a simple, satisfying meal in a peaceful setting. Their Karoo lamb chops are always a hit.

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Calitzdorp – De Krans Bistro at De Krans Wine Estate

Vineyard views, local dishes, and some of the best port and Muscadel in the Klein Karoo. Ideal for a slow, sun-drenched lunch.

De Rust – Kobus se Gat

Rustic Karoo dining just before the Swartberg Pass –expect slow-cooked meats, local game, and homemade roosterkoek. Arrive early for sunset views from the deck before dinner is served.

Oudtshoorn – Nostalgie Restaurant

A long-time local favourite serving refined Karoo cuisine –ostrich fillet, lamb shank, and rich home-baked desserts. Book an outdoor table under the fairy lights for a romantic evening.

Jeffreys Bay – Die Walskipper

A barefoot-luxury seafood restaurant right on the sand. Expect fresh line-fish, calamari, and sea views that steal the show. Book for sunset –it's one of the best ocean-view dinners on the coast.

Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) – Ginger at The Beach Hotel

Upscale seaside dining overlooking Hobie Beach. Known for its seafood and refined plating, Ginger is PE's standout fine-dining choice. Go for their tasting menu or seafood trio –it's what they're famous for.

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Cafés and Cute Coffee spots



Paarl

The Alpaca Loom Coffee Shop & Weaving Studio – Overlooking the paddocks, this family-run spot serves great coffee and homemade cakes with an alpaca petting experience. Kids love it, and the views are classic winelands.

Clay Café Paarl – Paint your own ceramics while enjoying a flat white and a light lunch. It's creative, calm, and fun for all ages.

Kikka Café – A locals' favourite for breakfast and barista coffee in a leafy garden setting.

Wellington

Perfect Place Coffee Shop – Set in a historic building, it's known for hearty breakfasts, homemade cakes, and garden tables under oak trees.

Villamar – A must-stop for gelato, espresso, and Italian pastries made with ingredients from their own olive estate.

Wolseley

Opstal Farm Stall & Café – The kind of padstal where you stop for roosterkoek, coffee, and rusks – and end up leaving with biltong and homemade jam.

Die Tolhuis Bistro – Technically between Ceres and Wolseley, this old tollhouse turned café serves proper boerekos breakfasts and mountain views for days.

Tulbagh

Readers Restaurant & Coffee Bar – A quirky, artsy spot on Church Street serving strong coffee and homemade scones.

Things I Love – Café, deli, and gift shop in one – grab an iced coffee and browse local art.

Ceres

Die Eike Coffee Shop – Classic country café with generous portions, great coffee, and local charm.

Die Tolhuis – Sitting high on Mitchell's Pass, it's famous for its roosterkoek and scenic views.

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Worcester

Beans About Coffee – The go-to for proper coffee lovers; they roast on-site and know their beans.

Daly Bread – Artisan bakery doing everything from croissants to proper sourdough – grab pastries for the road.

De Nuy Padstal (Nuy on the Hill) – Iconic roadside stop for homemade preserves, coffee, and real farm hospitality, great for a glass of wine or cappachino with a view.

Robertson

Strictly Coffee – Arguably the best coffee on Route 62, loved by locals and travellers alike. Expect freshly roasted beans and a relaxed vibe.

Four Cousins Restaurant Café – Great brunch spot attached to the wine cellar; they serve proper cappuccinos and pastries with your tasting.

Bonnievale

Van Loveren Family Vineyards – Sip a cappuccino overlooking the gardens after a wine tasting.

Ashton

Café Mahé – A cosy, homely café serving good coffee and light lunches with a warm local feel.

Platform 62 Padstal – A local legend for coffee, roosterkoek, and hearty breakfasts in a train-station-themed café.

McGregor

The Blend Café – A peaceful spot for great coffee, farm breakfasts, and homemade cake.

At The Courtyard – Known for its tapas dinners, but also a great stop for mid-morning cappuccinos in a leafy garden.

Montagu

The Pastry Place – Our favourite stop for flaky croissants and mountain views. Grab a cappuccino, sit under the vines, and order a second pastry – trust us.

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Swellendam

Oude Post Bistro & Padstal – A total gem for coffee, roosterkoek, and local charm – it's a must-stop if you love old-school hospitality.

Tredici – Stylish bakery-café serving great coffee, cakes, and Italian pastries.

La Belle Alliance – Riverside setting, perfect for long breakfasts under the trees.

Barrydale

The Blue Cow Café – Right on a farm dam, with ducks gliding by as you sip your coffee. Try their cheesecake – it's legendary.

The Camel Perd – Quirky and full of local charm, serving delicious coffee, cakes, and hearty brunches.

Jacques Bakery – Famous for warm bread and cinnamon rolls straight out the oven – it smells incredible as you walk by.

Diesel & Crème – A Route 62 icon for milkshakes, vintage cars, and retro charm.

The Country Pumpkin Padstal – Great spot to stock up on padstal treats and grab a takeaway coffee for the road.

Ladismith

Post House Café – Small-town favourite with friendly service and light lunches.

Calitzdorp

Zamani Grill – Home to the smallest bar on the longest wine route, and a must-try for their ostrich egg milkshakes.

Spekboom Cafe – Serves good coffee, cakes, and hearty breakfasts with warm, local hospitality.

Die Bakhuis – Lovely cafe with garden views overlooking Calitzdorp.

De Rust

Ray's Coffee Shop – Cosy and cheerful, with homemade muffins and mountain views.

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Oudtshoorn

Bean There Coffee Roastery – Great local roastery serving smooth, rich blends and freshly baked goods.

Nostalgie Restaurant Café – Lovely shaded verandah, perfect for a coffee and cake after exploring the town.

Jeffreys Bay

Infood Coffee Society – Excellent coffee and breakfasts, loved by surfers and locals alike.

First Light Café – Beachy, relaxed, and known for fresh smoothies and barista coffee.

Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth)

Urban Espresso Coffee Co. – Hip café in the city, serving single-origin coffee and amazing breakfasts.

Friendly Stranger – Set in an old stone building overlooking the harbour, it's all about atmosphere and quality brews.

Savages Fine Food – Café-meets-bakery with great cappuccinos and a leafy garden setting.

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Hiking Trails

The Prettiest Hikes

Dassiesfontein Farm Stall Trail – Caledon

An unmarked, self-guided wander through farmland near one of Route 62's most loved padstals.

- Distance: 1–2 km
- Difficulty: Easy
- Cost: Free (just support the café!)
- Permits: None
- Stretch your legs after a coffee and browse the vintage antiques before enjoying sweeping Overberg views behind the farm.

Murludi Hiking Trails – Tulbagh

Surrounded by the majestic Witzenberg, Winterhoek, and Obiqua mountains, Murludi is a scenic fruit farm offering two peaceful hiking routes through orchards, fynbos, and streams – with snow-dusted peaks in winter. Choose between the gentle 4km River Route or the slightly longer 10km Elsbos Route, both showcasing sweeping valley views. In summer weekends, hikers can pre-order a picnic box to enjoy after the walk – the perfect end to a tranquil morning outdoors.

- Distance: 4km (River Route) or 10km (Elsbos Route)
- Difficulty: Easy
- Cost: R40 per adult | R20 per child
- Permits: Pay on arrival at the farm
- Opening Times: Mon–Sun 9am–4pm (winter); 8am–5pm (summer)
- Contact: 063 725 5850 | murludi@mb-net.co.za
- Where: Off Misgund Road, Tulbagh

Karoo Desert National Botanical Garden Walks – Worcester

Short loop trails through indigenous succulent gardens and mountain foothills.

- Distance: 1–3 km loops
- Difficulty: Easy
- Cost: R50 per adult
- Permits: Entry at gate
- Ideal for travellers wanting to experience the region's unique flora up close – sunrise or sunset light here is magical.



De Hoek Mountain Resort, Oudtshoorn

Hiking Trails

The Prettiest Hikes

Dassieshoek Nature Reserve Trail – Robertson

A peaceful nature reserve trail offering mountain views and a short walk through fynbos-covered slopes.

- Distance: 2–4 km (choose shorter sections)
- Difficulty: Easy
- Cost: ± R50 per person
- Permits: Pay at Dassieshoek reception
- Ideal for a morning stroll with picnic tables under the trees and beautiful views across the Langeberg mountains.

Montagu Viewpoint Walk – Montagu

A short trail from the top of Badensfontein Road to the famous viewpoint overlooking the town.

- Distance: 2 km return
- Difficulty: Easy
- Cost: Free
- Permits: None
- Gentle uphill climb rewarded with panoramic views of Montagu and the Langeberg – best at golden hour!

Tradouw Pass Waterfall Stop – Barrydale

Not an official trail but a scenic roadside stop inside the stunning Tradouw Pass.

- Distance: < 500 m walk from parking
- Difficulty: Easy
- Cost: Free
- Permits: None
- A must-stop viewpoint and picnic spot halfway through the pass. Pull over, wander down the short path to the waterfall and enjoy the cool shade, rushing water, and incredible mountain backdrop.

Noorsekloof Trail – Jeffreys Bay

A peaceful greenbelt walk through coastal forest in the Noorsekloof Nature Reserve.

- Distance: 3 km one way
- Difficulty: Easy
- Cost: Free
- Permits: None required

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Hiking Trails

Easy Hikes

Cogmanskloof Hiking Trail – Montagu

- Distance: 12.1 km loop
- Difficulty: Moderate
- Cost: ± R50 per person
- Permits: Obtain at Montagu Tourism Office
- Starts near the Avalon Springs resort and climbs above Montagu for breathtaking ravine and valley views. Known for its rock formations, aloes, proteas, and wildflowers.



Marloth Nature Reserve Waterfall Trail – Swellendam

- Distance: 5 km return
- Difficulty: Moderate
- Cost: ± R60 per person
- Permits: Obtain at Marloth Reserve entrance
- One of Swellendam's most loved short hikes – winding through forest to a small waterfall and crystal-clear pools.

Cango Route Mountain Walk – Oudtshoorn

- Distance: 5–7 km circular
- Difficulty: Moderate
- Cost: ± R50 per person
- Permits: Obtain from Kleinplaas or Cango Route info offices
- A scenic loop showcasing the Little Karoo's rugged beauty with views toward the Swartberg mountains and Cango Caves area.

Lady's Slipper Trail – Van Stadens / Gqeberha

- Distance: 5.2 km to summit (10.4 km return)
- Difficulty: Moderate
- Cost: ± R30 donation to Falcon Rock Farm
- Permits: On-site sign-in at trailhead
- A steep but rewarding climb leading to panoramic views of the coast and farmland below. Locals love it for sunrise hikes – it's one of Gqeberha's most iconic mountain peaks.

Hiking Trails

Moderate Hikes

Witzenberg Trail – Tulbagh to Ceres

- Distance: ± 18 km one way
- Difficulty: Moderate to Challenging
- Cost: ± R60–R80 per person
- Permits: Arrange via Tulbagh Tourism Office
- Traverses mountain fynbos and rocky ridges between two valleys with unmatched views of the Witzenberg and Winterhoek mountains.



Arangieskop Trail – Robertson

- Distance: 20 km (2-day loop)
- Difficulty: Challenging
- Cost: ± R180 per person (includes hut)
- Permits: Book via McGregor or Dassieshoek Reserve offices Known as the “Kilimanjaro of the Cape”, this tough but incredible trail offers panoramic views over the Langeberg and Breede River valley, with rustic overnight huts halfway.

Boesmanskloof (McGregor to Greyton) – McGregor

- Distance: 14 km one way
- Difficulty: Moderate
- Cost: ± R70 per person
- Permits: Book via Greyton Tourism or McGregor Tourism offices
- A reasonably strenuous but unforgettable route between two charming towns. You can do it in one day or hike one direction and overnight before returning. Expect waterfalls, rock pools and wildflowers. (Dogs, fires, and camping not allowed.)

Bloupunt Trail – Montagu

- Distance: 15.6 km loop
- Difficulty: Challenging
- Cost: ± R50 per person
- Permits: Obtain from Montagu Tourism
- A rugged trail for experienced hikers with steep climbs and rewarding summit views across the Klein Karoo. The Bloupunt waterfall is a highlight.

Hiking Trails

Moderate Hikes

Grootvadersbosch Circular Trail – Barrydale / Heidelberg

- Distance: 10 km
- Difficulty: Moderate
- Cost: ± R70 SANParks entry
- Permits: Obtain at Grootvadersbosch reception
- Lush indigenous forest with towering trees, waterfalls, and birdlife. One of the best forest hikes off Route 62.

Swartberg Pass to Teeberg Lookout Trail – Oudtshoorn / Prince Albert

- Distance: 5–7 km
- Difficulty: Moderate to Challenging (steep incline)
- Cost: Free (part of the public pass)
- Permits: None
- A lesser-known path leading to a viewpoint above the historic Swartberg Pass. Ideal for photographers chasing wide Karoo panoramas.

Robberg Peninsula Trail – Plettenberg Bay

- Distance: 9 km circular
- Difficulty: Moderate
- Cost: ± R70 SANParks entry fee
- Permits: At Robberg Nature Reserve gate
- Dramatic cliffs, seals, ocean views and sandy beaches – one of the most spectacular coastal trails in South Africa.

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Things to Do

Paarl

The Alpaca Loom Coffee Shop & Weaving Studio

Meet adorable alpacas, feed them, and browse handmade scarves and rugs while sipping local coffee.

💰 Price: Free entry; feed available for ±R20

📍 Booking: Walk-ins welcome

Clay Café Paarl

A fun, creative experience for couples or families. Paint your own pottery in a scenic vineyard setting.

💰 Price: From R40 per item + studio fee

📍 Booking: Clay Café Paarl

Ceres

Ceres Zipline Adventures

Zip across waterfalls and rugged cliffs on one of SA's most scenic zipline routes.

💰 Price: R550 per person

📍 Booking: Ceres Adventures

Matroosberg Nature Reserve Snow Trips (Winter)

Experience real snow in the Cape - hike or drive up (4x4) for epic views.

💰 Price: ±R80 vehicle entry

📍 Booking: Matroosberg Reserve

Wellington

Doolhof Wine Estate Adventures

Cycle or walk the scenic trails, enjoy a wine tasting, or picnic under the oaks.

💰 Price: Tasting from R70

📍 Booking: Doolhof Wine Estate

Bosman Family Vineyards Heritage Walk

Join a vineyard walk and learn about generations of winemaking history.

💰 Price: R150 per person (includes tasting)

📍 Booking: Bosman Family Vineyards

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Things to Do

Tulbagh

Walk through history in Church Street

Tulbagh's charming Church Street features over 32 heritage buildings, from Cape Dutch to Victorian styles. Visit the Oude Kerk Volksmuseum, Earthquake Museum, and Pioneer House to step back in time.

⌚ Price: R30 (adult) | R20 (pensioner) | R5 (child)

⌚ Mon–Fri 9am–5pm | Sat 9am–2pm | Sun from 10am

📞 023 230 1041

Olive tasting at Oakhurst

At Oakhurst Olives, enjoy a guided olive-oil tasting with fresh bread, tapenades, jams, and marmalades – all made on-site from 10 olive cultivars.

⌚ Price: R50 per person

⌚ Mon–Fri 9am–4pm | Sat 9:30am–2pm

📞 023 230 0842

Robertson

Sip & Savour (seasonal)

Join this annual event or enjoy year-round tastings along the Robertson Wine Route.

⌚ Price: Tastings from R50

📍 Booking: Valley Wine Safari

Boat Cruise on the Breede River – Viljoensdrift

Relax on a scenic wine-tasting river cruise.

⌚ Price: From R120 per adult

📍 Booking: Viljoensdrift River Cruise, Robertson wine estate

McGregor

Fossil Hills Guided Hike & Wine & Ice Cream Pairing

Join a local guide for a fynbos hike ending with wine and homemade ice cream.

⌚ Price: From R750 per person

📍 Booking: Fossil Hills

Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary

Meet rescued donkeys and enjoy a coffee in the countryside.

⌚ Price: Donation-based entry

📍 Booking: Eseltjiesrus



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Things to Do

Bonnievale

Bottle your own Cap Classique Weltevrede Estate

Create your own Cap Classique bottle experience at Weltevrede - a fun, hands-on activity.

💰 Price: From R120 per tasting; R250 for bottling

📍 Booking: Weltevrede Estate

Breede River Canoeing

Paddle through vineyards and peaceful countryside.

💰 Price: ±R250 per person

📍 Booking: Bonnievale Adventures

Montagu

Wine Tractor Tour – Montagu

Hop aboard the famous tractor for a thrilling 2.5-hour journey up the majestic Langeberg Mountain, enjoy a in refreshing Muscadel wine and dried fruit pit stop.

💰 Price: ±R240 per person

📍 Booking: Montagu Tractor Trips, Protea Farm

Classic American Car Tour – Montagu

Cruise through the Klein Karoo in a vintage 1956 Cadillac.

💰 Price: From R950 for two

📍 Booking: Montagu Country Hotel

Wine Safari

Hop on the 4x4 wine safari through the Montagu countryside with local tastings and mountain views.

💰 Price: From R400 per person

📍 Booking: Wine Safari Tours

Bicycle Tours

Enjoy a guided town tour including historical and art tours, ghost tours, hiking and cycling tours!

💰 Price: From R400 per person

📍 Booking: Flying Feet

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Things to Do

Barrydale

Barrydale Hand Weavers

Watch skilled artisans weaving colourful textiles the traditional way.

💰 Price: Free entry

📍 Booking: Walk-ins welcome

Warmwaterberg Spa

Relax in natural hot springs with spectacular views across the Klein Karoo.

💰 Price: From R150 for day visitors

📍 Booking: Warmwaterberg Spa

Ladismith

Seweweeksport Pass Drive & Viewpoints

A jaw-dropping scenic drive through towering rock formations - photographers' dream, it is a gravel road but it's well maintained. Worth packing a picnic and your swimming costume, lots of pretty streams for a dip!

💰 Price: Free

📍 Booking: None

Calitzdorp

Wine Tractor Tour – De Krans Wines

Climb aboard for a vineyard ride, learn about port-making, and sip world-class wines.

💰 Price: ±R150 per person

📍 Booking: De Krans Wines

Zamani Grill & The Smallest Bar on the Longest Wine Route

Stop for their famous ostrich egg milkshakes and quirky Karoo hospitality.

💰 Price: Menu prices

📍 Booking: Walk-in

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Things to Do

Oudtshoorn

Cango Caves

Explore ancient limestone chambers and join the Adventure Tour to crawl through crystal formations.

💰 Price: From R200 per adult

📍 Booking: Cango Caves

Chandelier Game Lodge – Giraffe & Ostrich Encounters

Bottle-feed giraffes for R50 or join a guided ostrich farm tour.

💰 Price: R50–R150 per person

📍 Booking: Chandelier Game Lodge

Meerkat Morning Safaris

See wild meerkats emerge at sunrise – a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

💰 Price: ±R750 per person

📍 Booking: Meerkat Adventures

Jeffreys Bay

Surf Lesson at Supertubes

Catch waves at one of the world's most famous surf spots.

💰 Price: From R400 per person

📍 Booking: JBay Surf School

JBay Surf Village Shopping & Coffee Crawl

Browse boutique surf stores, sip specialty coffee, and hunt for beach gear.

💰 Price: Free to browse

📍 Booking: Walk-in

Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth)

Route 67 & Donkin Reserve

A vibrant public art and heritage walk celebrating Nelson Mandela's 67 years of service – featuring sculptures, mosaics, and murals that wind through the historic Donkin Reserve. End off with coffee and a city view from the lighthouse.

💰 Price: Free

📍 Booking: None (Start at Donkin Reserve, Donkin Street, Central Gqeberha)

Walmer Township Culture & Food Tour

Experience authentic local life on a guided tour through Walmer Township.

💰 Price: From R1 250 pp (includes transfers & lunch)

📍 Booking: Afroventures Tours



Abrikoos Kloof Private Pod Reserve, Montagu

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Honourable Stops

McGregor – Fossil Hills wine walk & ice-cream pairing

Robertson / Nuy Valley – Nuy On The Hill

Bonnievale – Weltevrede “bottle your own Cap Classique”

Barrydale – Diesel & Crème

Barrydale – Karoo Art Hotel

Tradouw Pass (between Barrydale & Suurbraak) – Waterfall picnic spot

Calitzdorp – Zamani Grill (ostrich-egg milkshakes)

Oudtshoorn – Chandelier Game Lodge (giraffe & ostrich experiences)

De Rust / Meiringspoort – Gorge swim/picnic waterfall spot

Jeffreys Bay – Jan se Gat Waterfall (swimming hole & cliff jumps)



Kleinrivier Mountain Escapes – Gqeberha

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Vines, Views & Wagging Tails

6-Night Route 62 Family & Pet-Friendly Itinerary

Night 1-2: Robertson

Stay: Pepper Cottage at Middelpunt Cottages – Robertson

 [Middelpunt Cottages](#)

 From R3 200 per night (sleeps 4)

 Two-bedroom self-catering cottage | Private patio | Pet-friendly 

Why we love it:

Surrounded by vineyards and farm dams, this cottage is the perfect first stop for families seeking peace, nature, and space to roam. With braai areas, a private wood fired hot tub, river walks, and friendly farm dogs, it feels like a true countryside escape.

Adventure Time:

 Wine Valley Safari: Hop on an open-air tractor for a family-friendly wine-tasting adventure around the Robertson Wine Valley.

 Affie Plaas Padstal: Grab homemade pies, preserves, and pet treats for the road.

  Jog, walk or ride the Java MTB routes or 7.5km Fish Eagle Hiking trail on Van Loveren farm.

 Lunch stop: Nuy on the Hill – incredible valley views and delicious food.

Night 3-4: Montagu

Stay: 360on62 Farm Cottages – Montagu

 [360on62 Farm Cottages](#)

 From R1 800 per night (sleeps 4)

 Two-bedroom Fish Eagle Cottage | Private plunge pool | Pet-friendly 

Why we love it:

Set on a working farm beneath the Langeberg Mountains, this stay combines farm charm with modern comforts. There's loads of space for kids and dogs to run wild, while parents can relax with a glass of local wine at sunset.

Adventure Time:

 Montagu Tractor Ride & Potjiekos Lunch at Protea Farm.

 Cycle or hike around the farm: Trails for all fitness levels.

 Day trip: Pop into Diesel & Crème in Barrydale for retro milkshakes!

 Dinner: Try The Rambling Rose or The Barn on 62 for homestyle cooking.

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6-Night Route 62 Family & Pet-Friendly Itinerary

Night 5-7: Swellendam

Stay: Willow Lodge at Frog Mountain Getaway – Swellendam

 [Frog Mountain Getaway](#)

 From R4 600 per night (sleeps 6 adults and 4 kids)

 3-bedroom cottage | Private braai & hot tub | Mountain views | Pet-friendly 

Why we love it:

Tucked between the Langeberg Mountains and a sparkling river, Frog Mountain is the ultimate family retreat. With canoes, an epic zipline, hiking trails, a waterfall, farm animals, playgrounds, and braai spots by the water, it's the kind of place where kids forget about screens.

Adventure Time:

 Canoe or swim in the river: Calm water perfect for kids (and dogs too!).

 La Belle Alliance for breakfast under the trees.

 Oude Post Bistro – famous for roosterkoek! The bacon, cheese & jam one is so good.

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The Slow Road to Romance

6 day romance itinerary

Night 1–2: Bonnievale

Stay: The Pods – Melozhori Private Game Reserve

 [Melozhori Private Game Reserve](#)

 From R4,250 per night (sleeps 2)

 2 luxury eco-glass pods with 180° views + private wood-fired hot tub

 Pet Friendly: No

Why we love it:

This is one of the most romantic escapes in the Langeberg. Floor-to-ceiling glass, absolute privacy, and a hot tub overlooking the valley. It feels like a honeymoon hideout – quiet, uninterrupted, and beautifully designed.

Adventure Time:

 Game drive with sundowners

 E-bike rentals on the reserve

 Slow walks + guided nature experiences

 Hot tub dips under the stars

 Lazy mornings on the deck with nothing but birdsong

Nearby Tasting Stops:

 Bonnievale Wine Cellar

 Robertson Wine Valley (15–25 min drive)

Night 3–4: Montagu

Stay: Stil – Montagu

 [Stil Montagu](#)

 From R2,200 per night (sleeps 2)

 Boutique self-catering units with outdoor baths

 Pet Friendly: No

Why we love it:

Stil is everything its name promises – serene, stylish, and slow. Each unit feels like a private sanctuary with a deck and outdoor bath facing mountain sunsets. The interiors are warm and minimal, perfect for reconnecting.

Adventure Time:

 Flying Feet morning ride – cycle to town and stop for coffee at Pastry Place Café

 Bottle your own Cap Classique at Weltevrede

 Snack stop at the iconic Montagu Padstal (dried fruit heaven)

 Dinner at 22 on Church – one of Montagu’s best

 Outdoor bath under the stars

  Village walks to galleries and tiny shops

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6 day romance itinerary

Night 5–6: Robertson

Stay: Oak Cottage – Pat Busch Mountain Reserve

[!\[\]\(86468143c196eb0b0e5ef839d9b6c034_img.jpg\) Pat Busch Mountain Reserve](#)

 From R1,080 pppn

 Secluded self-catering cottage in a private mountain reserve

 Pet Friendly: No

Why we love it:

Nestled deep in the valley, this stay feels like a cosy cabin with mountain views all around. It has its own wood-fired hot tub, big trees overhead, and total privacy -the perfect final stop for a romantic Route 62 getaway.

Adventure Time:

 Kayak or swim in the reserve's dam

 Easy hiking trails right from your doorstep

 Hot tub at sunset

 Bicycle rentals for a slow morning ride

 Read, nap, repeat -this place invites stillness

Nearby Attractions:

 Robertson Wine Valley

 Klaasvoogds Game Reserve

 Boutique estates like Springfield, Tanagra, Fraai Uitzicht

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Peaks, Pools & Pure Adventure

7 day adventure itinerary

Night 1–2: Montagu

Stay: Cave House – Abrikoos Kloof Private Pod Reserve

 [Abrikoos Kloof Private Pod Reserve](#)

 From R5,500 per night (sleeps 2)

 A private rock hideaway built into the mountain

 Pet Friendly: No

Why we love it:

This is one of the most dramatic stays on the entire Route 62 – a cave-like eco retreat carved into the hillside, with panoramic mountain views and total silence. It's rugged, romantic, and beautifully remote. No neighbours, no noise, just pure wilderness.

Adventure Time:

 Private hiking trails on the reserve

 Wood-fired hot tub overlooking the valley

 Sunrise coffee from the cave deck

 Stargazing (zero light pollution)

 Explore Cogman's Kloof Pass nearby

Nearby Attractions:

 Montagu Springs

 Cogman's Kloof Pass

 Montagu farm stalls & padstals

Night 3–4: Swellendam

Stay: Firefly Rondavel – Frog Mountain Getaway

 [Frog Mountain Getaway](#)

 From R2,000 per night (sleeps 2 adults + 2 kids)

 Riverfront rondavel with private hot tub

 Pet Friendly: Yes, by prior arrangement

Why we love it:

A lush farm valley filled with rivers, shade trees, and mountain peaks –Frog Mountain is perfect for travellers who want nature on their doorstep. Canoes, rope swings, waterfalls and farm paths make it a playground for grown-ups and kids alike.

Adventure Time:

 Canoeing on the Buffeljags River

 Wild swimming + river swings

 Hike to the local waterfall

 Birdwatching from your stoep

 Hot tub evenings under big skies

 Zipline fun for adventurous families

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Peaks, Pools & Pure Adventure

7 day adventure itinerary

Night 5–6: De Rust

Stay: Aardts Cabins – De Rust

[Aardts Cabins](#)

 From R1,800 per night (sleeps 2–4)

 Off-grid cabin tucked beneath the Swartberg mountains

 Pet Friendly: Yes, by arrangement

Why we love it:

Quiet, scenic, and wonderfully secluded — Aardts Cabins is where you go to reconnect with nature and nothing else. With massive mountain views, a wood-fired hot tub, and uninterrupted Karoo skies, it's an adventurer's dream.

Adventure Time:

 Hiking straight from your doorstep

 Braai under the stars in total silence

 Stargazing with zero light pollution

 Wood-fired hot tub nights overlooking the valley

Nearby Attractions:

 Meiringspoort Waterfall (a must-see)

 Swartberg Pass for scenic drives

 De Rust Village cafés, galleries, and farm stalls

Thanks so much for traveling with us & for
choosing us to be your guides to
Route 62!

until next time, wishing you many happy adventures

**All our love,
Josh & Ruthie Betts**

