



The Drive

The heart of the fynbos kingdom that nestles in and around the Kogelberg mountain range – on the far eastern side of the bay across from the Cape Peninsula – embraces the UNESCO-acknowledged Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve and is a mere hour's drive from Cape Town.

From the seaside village of Gordon's Bay you embark on one of the most beautiful coastal drives in the world. Clarence Drive (a section of the R44) follows the winding route at the foot of these rugged mountains, along the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, into the heart of this floral wealth which has been the core of South Africa's exhibits at the international Chelsea Flower Show in London and has taken honours many times.



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Beyond Cape Town

Take a break for a day (or even two or three!) from the Peninsula pleasures and allow us to offer you a custom designed outing to suit your preferences – into the fynbos floral kingdom with its variety of attractions.

Enjoy a spectacular marine, mountain and floral experience!

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Natural Splendor

Breathtaking scenery is everywhere, and fynbos plays a major role in teasing your senses.

- Harold Porter National Botanical Garden in Betty's Bay is world famous and is beautiful all year round.
- Fynbos glory in its natural habitat prevails throughout the year, but is breathtaking during springtime.
- Kogelberg Nature Reserve, nestled in the folds of the mountain range, offers spectacular vistas and stunning overnight facilities.
- Photography opportunities for enthusiasts and nature lovers are endless – from sunrise to sunset.



Lingering

You may want to spend more than just a few hours in this beautiful corner of South Africa and we have a few suggestions:

- Stay over in style at the Arabella Hotel and Spa which is a mere few minutes' drive out of Kleinmond on the R44. A golf course and spectacular views are bonuses.
- The Kogelberg Nature Reserve with its unique chalets offers an unforgettable stay.
- The Bot River Wine Route offers a collection of exclusive cellars, culinary and accommodation options and is a wonderful add-on, as are the Honingklip Beer Brewery and restaurant.

Exploring

For the energetic and even adventurous, there are a number of options – all nature related!

- Trails and walks are plentiful in and around the villages and information is readily available.
- White-water rafting thrills on the Palmiet River are an option during the rainy season.
- Zip-lining across valleys and crags in the Hottentots Holland Nature Reserve is a must-do activity if you seek an adrenalin rush.
- Boat-based whale-watching, as well as shark-cage diving are available further along the coast at Hermanus and Gansbaai.
- The area is a paradise for mountain biking.



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Village Vibes

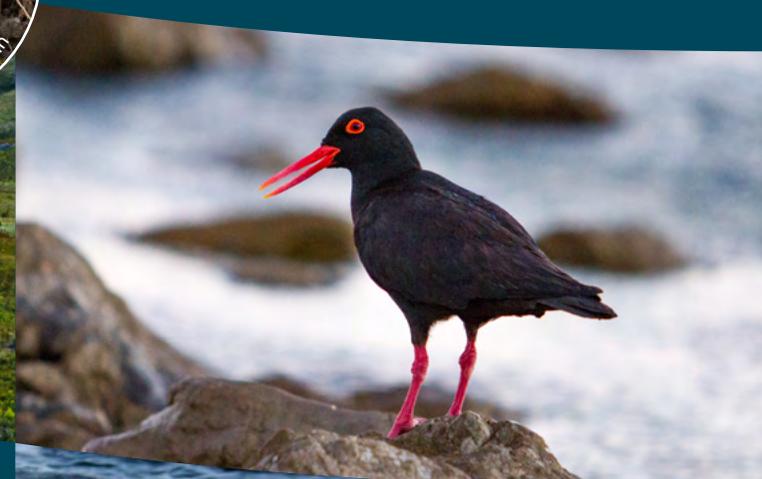
The stunning drive along Clarence Drive (the R44) links Gordon's Bay to the four coastal villages of Rooi-Els, Pringle Bay, Betty's Bay and Kleinmond, before meeting up with the R43, that would take you to Hermanus and the shark-cage diving village of Gansbaai.

- The villages boast a bunch of art galleries, pubs and restaurants.
- Harbour Road in Kleinmond offers interesting shopping experiences, as well as a small harbour from where local fishermen launch their boats.

Creatures

Probably the best-known attraction of the area, known as the 'Overstrand', is the whales that come to mate and calve between July and November.

- The African penguin colony at Stony Point Nature Reserve in Betty's Bay is world-renowned and Rooi-Els has its own seal colony which is a well kept secret.
- Baboon troops come down from the mountains to forage and small antelope species dwell on the rocky ridges or in dense bushes lower down.
- Cape leopards and Cape clawless otters are elusive, but occur in the area.
- Wild horses grace the marshes east of Kleinmond in the Rooisand Nature Reserve.
- Bird species are abundant – from the tiny, colourful sunbird to the striking black oystercatcher and the majestic Verreaux's eagle.



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