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COASTAL TRIPS

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Head to **Morgan Bay** where you can enjoy time on the beach with a friend or good book, hire a canoe and enjoy a paddle on the lagoon or book a horse riding excursion. Spread these activities out over two days.

Enjoy a lunch or dinner at **Yellowwoods Forest Lodge** or at the **Morgan Bay Hotel** if you fancy a break from self-catering. Enjoy sundowners and a selfie moment on the **Morgan Bay Cliffs**. Overnight at an establishment of your choice.
Head out to Areena Riverside Resort and book into the campsite or one of the chalets or rondavels. Experience the double zipline, a quad bike game drive, a paddle in a canoe on the river or fishing from the banks of the river. An onsite restaurant allows you to pack light. Alternatively enjoy a self-catered braai. After breakfast, on day two, take a short drive to Chintsa East and stop at the Emeraldvale Brewery for a craft beer experience. Continue through to Chintsa and check into your accommodation - enjoy some time on the beach, book a beach horse ride or surf lesson or just kick back and relax. If you stay at Crawfords Beach Lodge you can enjoy a game of pool or tennis or cocktails on the deck whilst looking out for whale or dolphin activity in the ocean.
Head out to **Morgan Bay** for a brunch and then cross the **Great Kei River** using the local pontoon. Head to **Trennerys** or **Seagulls hotel** for a true **Wild Coast** breakaway. Book an excursion to the Gates and learn something about the local culture with **Trevor’s Trails**. Enjoy a beach walk to view the remnants of the Jacaranda wreck, enjoy the Saturday night seafood buffet and make the most of the hotel facilities / amenities on offer. Overnight at one of the hotels and enjoy being catered for.
Travel through to Bathurst for a browse around the arts and craft shops and enjoy a lunch at a local eatery amidst the banter of the locals. Visit the Big Pineapple and then head through to Port Alfred or Kenton-on-Sea to enjoy a change of coastal and river scenery.

Local shops are available to stock up on self-catering items and restaurants are available for that special cocktail, mocktail, coffee and lunch or dinner. Book a river cruise up the Kowie, Bushmans or Kariega rivers or just enjoy a walk along one of the blue flag beaches. Both destinations have lovely curio shops to explore.
Explore the delightful towns of **Jeffreys Bay** and **St Francis Bay**. You will find a range of accommodation options to suit your budget. Try your hand at surfing, stand up paddle boarding, or sandboarding.

Take a canal cruise, visit the shell or surf museum, taste local calamari, enjoy a round of golf at the **St Francis Links** or opt for a day tour excursion into the **Baviaanskloof World Heritage Site**. There is a world of adventure to be experienced here.
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CULTURE & ADVENTURE

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Head through to Hogsback for an outdoor mountain escape. Visit the local arts and craft and chocolate shop, take a walk to the famous Madonna and Child or Kettle Spout waterfall, walk the Labyrinth at the Edge, visit the Dianna Graham Eco Shrine, hire a mountain bike and explore a forest trail, dine at one of the local eateries, enjoy a fireside dinner or just recharge your batteries in a beautiful garden surrounded by nature. Overnight at any one of the local establishments that suits your budget - self catering options are available.
Travel to Graaff Reinet and enjoy exploring museums, craft shops and local eateries before taking time out to visit the Camdeboo National Park for a self-guided game drive. Visit the incredible Valley of Desolation or book a guided trip through Karoo Connections or Karoo Park Guest House. Overnight at any one of the many accommodation establishments and enjoy the tastes of the Karoo at one of the local restaurants. The Camdeboo National Park offers chalet style accommodation. On day two take a self-drive trip to Nieu-Bethesda for a visit to the Owl House and then head off to Ganora Guest Farm a mere 8.5km away. Enjoy a guided fossil excursion, which includes a visit and talk in the fossil museum, a rock art excursion or a gentle walk around the farm. Dinner can be catered for if you want to give self-catering a miss.
Travel to Cradock and visit the Olive Schreiner Museum and the Cradock Four Memorial site. Chat to Amos at Die Tuishuise - he is a local guide who, for a nominal fee, can take you on a local excursion (pre-book). Enjoy a meal at a local eatery and overnight in one of the historic Tuishuise, the Victoria Manor Hotel or any other establishment. On day two, travel 20km to the Mountain Zebra National Park where you can opt to spend the night and enjoy a full day excursion. You can self-drive through the park or book a guided game drive or cheetah tracking excursion with one of the Park rangers. On day three try your hand at Wild Fly fishing, take a trip to Somerset East where you can learn this skill from a local fly fisherman. Overnight at the Angler and Antelope guesthouse or a stay at any one of the other local accommodation establishments.
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WILDLIFE TRIPS

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Travel to **Addo Elephant National Park** and enjoy a self-guided game drive with a packed lunch. Stop at one of the picnic spots or treat yourself to a lunch at the main camp restaurant. In the afternoon head through to **Port Elizabeth** and check into your accommodation - choose from hotels, guest houses, B&B’s, self-catering apartments and campsites. Enjoy dinner at any one of the many restaurants in **Port Elizabeth**. On day two, enjoy a marine safari with one of the licensed whale and dolphin watching operators and later, take some time out to explore **Route 67**, enjoy a beachfront Segway ride, some retail therapy, ten pin bowling, ice-skating, an Imax movie or some craft beer tasting at **Beershack, Richmond Hill Brewing Company** or **Bridgestreet Brewery** - ending of with another delectable dinner as a local eatery.
If you’re in Port Elizabeth, Addo Elephant National Park is a 30-minute drive, making a quick wildlife adventure the perfect micro-trip.

Get off work a little early and drive either the Mbotyi or Vukani loop (look out for lion here). Rise and shine early the following day to experience a good game drive on the way back.
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EXPERIENCE ADVENTURE

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Head off to Cape St Francis and try out a Walk on the Wildside which is a shortened version of the Chokka Trail hiking experience. You will be based in Cape St Francis for two nights and can explore the wonderful coastline and key tourism sites on foot with an experienced guide. A great active escape for young and old!
Head to Stormsriver in the heart of Tsitiskamma and set your pulse racing with any one or more of the adventure activities on offer from a Bungee Jump off the highest bridge in Africa to the waterfall or tree top canopy zipline experiences, quad biking and Segway tours through the forest, hiking and biking trails, blackwater tubing, kayak and lilo experience or a gentle walk in the Garden Route National Park. There are lots of accommodation establishments to choose from and some local restaurants and watering holes to calm the adrenaline-fueled appetites.
Head into the **North Eastern Cape**, fondly referred to as the highlands, and spend time around **Dordrecht, Barkley East, Elliot, Maclear, Lady Grey, Elliot** or **Rhodes**. Guest farm stays are popular but there are some lovely guesthouses and B&B’s in the towns. Clear mountain streams hail the fly fishermen and high mountain passes call out to the 4x4 enthusiasts. In the winter months, a snow-skiing experience at **Tiffendel Ski Resort** is a must. This region is a birdwatchers paradise and a visit to the **Lammergeier Highlands Reserve** will not disappoint. Spend three nights in one location using it as a base to explore the region from or experience nights in different locations and enjoy getting to know the local folk.