



explore
THE EASTERN CAPE



YOURS TO
explore

From the warm Indian Ocean to the vast plains of the Camdeboo; stretching from the foothills of the Sneeuwberg Mountains in the north to the rugged Baviaans mountain wilderness in the south - the Eastern Cape is yours to explore!

There's inland snow skiing in winter; throughout the year activities along our magnificent coastline - stretching from the Tsitsikamma to the subtropical Wild Coast - for sun lovers; historical buildings, bridges, landmarks, museums, forts and stories of the one hundred years of frontier wars in Settler Country for history buffs; an abundance of wildlife at the many national, provincial and private nature reserves and seven of South Africa's nine biomes for nature lovers. And it's all yours to explore!

There are **100 REASONS** to explore the Eastern Cape!



A TOUR TO MATCH EVERY INTEREST

Touring or taking a safari in the Eastern Cape is a great way to explore our beautiful province and experience the warmth and hospitality of our people!

Take a surfing tour to ride the world's biggest waves. Experience wildlife encounters like none other on a Big 7 safari. Explore the battlefields on a frontier country history tour or visit the birthplace and resting place of the great Nelson Mandela.

If you're a thrill-seeker, there's an adventure tour for every adrenaline level - rafting down great white waters or bungee jumping off Bloukrans Bridge - Africa's highest commercial bungee.

For a taste of the vibrance of life to be found in the Eastern Cape, do a township tour or get an introduction to traditional Xhosa rites and ceremonies on a cultural tour.



Golfing tours, history tours, foodie tours, art tours and safaris... there's a tour to match your every interest!



CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

Bungee jumping, blackwater tubing, river cruising, whale watching, diving, sandboarding, wildlife encounters, fishing, skydiving, mountain biking, motorbiking, snow skiing, horse riding, zip-lining, surfing, hiking...

If jumping Africa's highest commercial bungee jump isn't thrill enough, how about blackwater tubing on the Storms River through the world-renowned Tsitsikamma National Park. Or try out the zip-line slides that zig-zag across the gorge - there are eight slides to choose from. South Africa's longest double zip line is in Addo - 500m long, 60m high, and up to 60km/h fast!

There's a unique treetop canopy tour in the magnificent Tsitsikamma indigenous rainforest and a guided segway tour - fun for the whole family - through the Storms River forests and quaint village.

Surf at Jeffrey's Bay - amongst the best right-hand breaking wave in the world, attracting surfers from all over the globe. Or learn to surf! There are surf schools to take you through your paces at Queensberry Bay point, Yellow Sands point and beach break and the internationally recognised Nahoon Reef.

For the most exciting sandboarding adventure (on either a lie-down or stand-up board), get to the Alexandria Coastal Dune Field - world renowned as one of the largest of its kind.

The Sunshine Coast offers some of the most exciting kitesurfing spots in the Eastern Cape with suitable wind conditions generally all year round.

Game view on horseback, with an experienced guide, in the Nyati section of the Addo Elephant National Park. In the Mountain Zebra National Park, drive out with your guide to search for the elusive cheetahs. A signal from a collared cheetah is the opportunity for a closer encounter on foot!

Whatever your adventure, the Eastern Cape is yours to explore!

Choose your adventure here.



WILDLIFE WONDER

The Eastern Cape is a conservation success story. Protected areas of pristine wilderness, as well as hectares of land, returned to the rich biodiversity of foregone years, are now home to an abundance of wildlife.

The Eastern Cape uniquely boasts Big-7 game viewing. The Addo Elephant National Park provides some of the world's most spectacular elephant viewing as well as the opportunity to view Southern Right whales and Great White sharks.

Provincial nature reserves offer exceptional biodiversity features and recognised heritage sites, such as internationally acclaimed Baviaanskloof with its World Heritage status. Great marine and coastal reserves protect unspoiled stretches of coastline. Well-situated lodges, bungalows, chalets or camping sites, at affordable rates, make these nature reserves accessible to everyone.

Many sensational private reserves, some with five-star status, offer an array of options and packages allowing for a romantic getaway as well as an action-packed family holiday.

Whether you prefer guided or self-guided game drives, world-class luxury or back to basics bliss, the malaria-free nature reserves of the Eastern Cape will delight you.



Get your guide to wildlife wonder here.



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HIKE, WALK OR MEANDER

Shaped by a dramatic coastline of rocky shores, estuaries, bays, headlands, endless stretches of beach and the magnificence of the inland mountainous regions - the Eastern Cape is a hiker's haven.

The numerous options range from strenuous trekking routes like the 20 day Eden to Addo, to scenic walks meandering across streams, past waterfalls and wildlife, and along coastal dunes.

The 42,5km, 4 1/2 day **Otter Trail** along the Tsitsikamma coast is probably the most popular hike in South Africa. It stretches from Storms River Mouth to the Tsitsikamma National Park. It follows the rugged, rocky shoreline ranging in elevation from sea level to a height of more than 150m.

Some regard **The Amatola Trail** [6 days, 5 nights, 100kms] as the toughest and best hiking trail in South Africa - it's truly amazing and as challenging as they come!

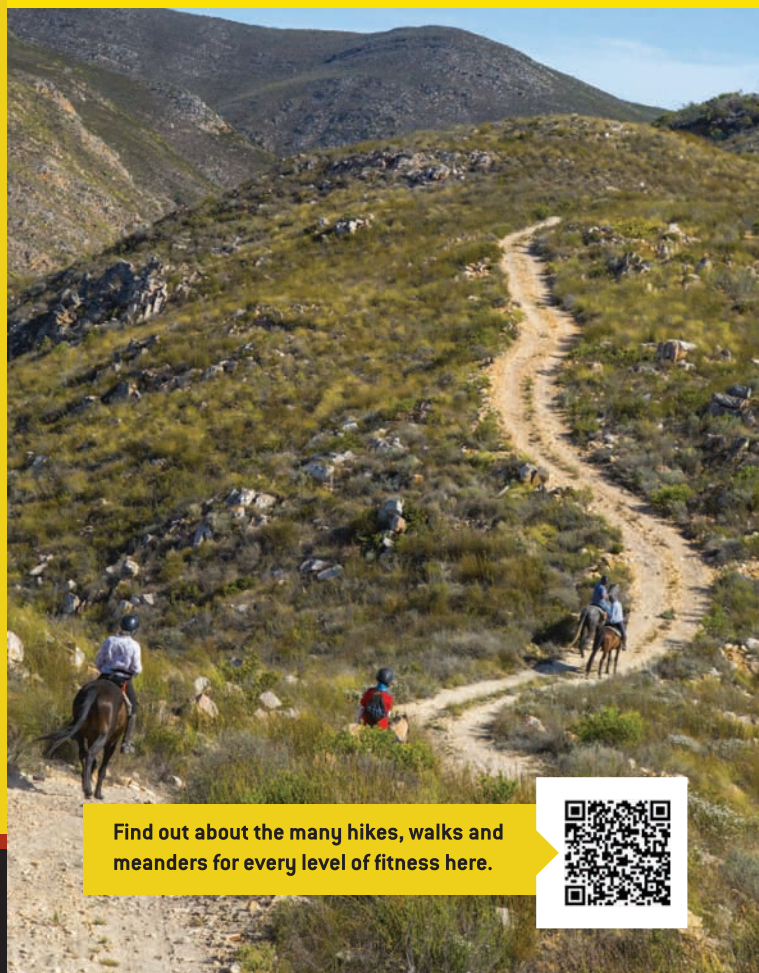
Starting at Maden Dam near King William's Town, the trail traverses the magnificent Amatola Mountains, ending in the picturesque village of Hogsback. An abundance of waterfalls and mountain pools, as well as the ancient, indigenous rainforest, making up more than half the route, are the main feature of the trail.

The Tsitsikamma Trail beginning in Nature's Valley and ending 60-km further at either the Storms River Bridge or Village, is a six-day, unidirectional trail taking hikers through the heart of the Tsitsikamma Mountains.

Similar trails but with dramatically different scenery, the Wild Coast offers miles of deserted beaches, wave-lashed rocks and indigenous forests. There's the Wild Coast Meander, the Amble or the Pondo Walk.

The 95km 4-day Baviaans Camino backpack hike, on foot or horseback, traverses the Baviaanskloof Mountains and Kouga Mountain Range between the Willowmore district and Kareedouw.

The 100km 5-day Compassberg Camino circular route offers unique and varied views of the Karoo landscape. Starting from the village of Nieu Bethesda, you'll cover 20kms per day - at your own pace.



Find out about the many hikes, walks and meanders for every level of fitness here.



PITCH UP FOR CAMPING & CARAVANNING

Yearning for a fishing rod in your hand, birdsong, the warm Indian Ocean lapping at your feet or a silver stream to paddle? Pack your tent, hitch your caravan and rediscover the healing power of the Eastern Cape.

The Eastern Cape's many outdoor destinations are the perfect antidote to escape the stresses of life. Rediscover the simple charm of falling asleep under a blanket of stars or gathering your family around an open fire and experience again what it means to unwind and truly reconnect.

There are excellently appointed, well-maintained camping or caravanning sites along the exhilarating Wild Coast, in the green belt of the Baviaanskloof, or across the hinterland forests and valleys.

Find out where to pitch your tent and find your bliss, here.



TRADITION AND CULTURE

The Eastern Cape welcomes visitors with wide-open arms. It's not just the welcoming spirit but the warm hospitality of its people that gives the Eastern Cape the reputation as the friendliest province in South Africa. Proudly shared, well-preserved tradition and culture provides visitors not only with an authentic experience but a real sense of inclusion.

Explore more to gain an understanding of Eastern Cape people, traditions and authentic local lifestyles - set against the background of a fascinating history. The Great Forest of Hoho and Ntaba Ka Ndoda, the Amatola and Katberg Mountains, the impenetrable Fish River Valley and the Wild Coast's Hole in the Wall stand silent witness to the events of a turbulent past!

Find out more, here.



AMAZING MUSEUMS

To truly experience the Eastern Cape, gain insight into our intricate cultural, political and social dynamics and embrace our heritage, a visit to a museum is a must.

From fascinating rock art depicting past civilisations and pieces reflecting our rich, heart-rending history, to cultural artefacts, crafts and the arts, and collections exhibiting our natural history, the Eastern Cape's abundance of museums, places of preservation and historical interest provide a gateway to enter another world.

In almost every Eastern Cape town, there's a museum reflecting the natural and cultural history of the area through eclectic collections of artefacts, costumes, beadwork, photographs, furniture and artwork. And there's a museum for every interest - the military, transport, literature, printing, art, agriculture, blacksmithing, wool, shells, fossils, African music, aquatic biodiversity.



More about the amazing museums to visit on your travels, here.



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KEY ACTIVITIES PER REGION

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|---|-----------------|---|---------------------|
|  | 4X4 |  | MARINE EXPERIENCE |
|  | ABSEILING |  | MONUMENT/MEMORIAL |
|  | BEACH |  | MOUNTAIN BIKING |
|  | BIG 7 |  | MUSEUM |
|  | BLUE FLAG BEACH |  | NATIONAL PARK |
|  | BUNGEE |  | PENGUINS |
|  | CANOPY TOUR |  | QUADBIKING |
|  | DOLPHINS |  | ROCK ART |
|  | ECO-SHRINE |  | SAFARI EXPERIENCE |
|  | FLYFISHING |  | SANDBOARDING |
|  | FOOD EXPERIENCE |  | SARDINE RUN |
|  | FORT |  | SEGWAY TOUR |
|  | GALLERY/ART |  | SNOW SKIING |
|  | GOLF |  | SURFING |
|  | HIKING |  | VILLAGE EXPERIENCE |
|  | HORSESHOEING |  | WATERFALL |
|  | KAYAKING |  | WHALES |
|  | LANDMARK |  | WORLD HERITAGE SITE |
|  | LITERATURE |  | XHOSA CULTURE |
| | |  | ZIP LINE |

PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVES

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|---|----------------------|----|--------------|
| 1 | Baviaanskloof | 9 | Ongeluksnek |
| 2 | Great Fish River | 10 | Oviston |
| 3 | Groendal | 11 | Isolwana |
| 4 | Island | 12 | Dwesa - Cweb |
| 5 | Thomas Baines | 13 | Hluleka |
| 6 | Commando Drift | 14 | Luchaba |
| 7 | Double Mouth | 15 | Silaka |
| 8 | Mpofu - Fort Fordyce | 16 | Mkhambathi |