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Day 1. Cape Town - Swellendam - Mossel Bay, 386 km/240 mi

- Distance - 386 km/240 mi
- Driving time - 4h30min.

Highlights of the drive

- Stellenbosch
- Franschhoek
- Route 62
- Swellendam

Places to stay in Mossel Bay

- Budget | [Baylight Accommodation Room](#) | [Aloe @ the Sea](#) | [Santos Express](#) |
- Middle price | [Villa Palmera](#) | [3ColoursBlue Guest House](#) |
- Luxury | [Aquamarine Guest House](#) | [Betty's Boutique Hotel](#) |

Day 2. Mossel Bay

Spend the day exploring the town and its surroundings.

Things to do

- Hike [St.Blaze trail](#)
- Visit [Point of Human Origins](#) Cave
- [Safari drive in the Botlierskop Private Game Reserve](#)
- Skydiving
- Shark cage diving
- Visit [Dias Museum](#) and the Post Office Tree
- Surfing
- Drinking good coffee in [Blue Shed Coffee Roastery](#)
- Chilling on the beach

Day 3. Mossel Bay - (Oudtshoorn) - George - Wilderness - Sedgefield, 80 km/50 mi (180 km/111 mi)

- Distance - 80 km/50 mi, through Oudtshoorn - 180 km/111 mi
- Driving time - 1 hour, through Oudtshoorn - 2h30min.

Highlights of the drive

- 7 Passes
- Cango Caves (Oudtshoorn)
- Ostrich Farm (Oudtshoorn)
- Map of Africa lookout point
- Wilderness
- Sedgefield

Things to do

- [Seven Passes](#) drive
- Visit [the Cango Caves](#) in Oudtshoorn
- Visit the [Ostrich farm](#) in Oudtshoorn
- [Game drive near Oudtshoorn](#)
- Walking one of the day hiking trails in Ebb & Flow National park in Wilderness
- Canoeing on the Touw River in Wilderness
- Drinking coffee at [Green Shed Roastery](#) in Wilderness
- Paragliding in Wilderness.
- Water-skiing, fishing, and windsurfing at Island Lake Holiday resort in Wilderness
- Relax on the beautiful beach in Sedgefield
- Go kayaking or paddleboarding in the sea in Sedgefield

Places to stay in Wilderness

- Low-end | [Fairy Knowe Backpackers](#) | [Wilderness Beach House Backpackers Lodge](#) |
- Middle price | [Amber Light Wilderness Beach Cottage](#) | [Tranquil Shores](#) |
- High-end | [Haus am Strand - on the Beach](#) | [Pearl Moon Boutique Suites](#) |

Places to stay in Sedgefield

- Low-end | [Sedgefield Huts](#) | [Haven on Hoopoe](#) |
- Middle price | [Eastbrook River Lodge](#) | [The Gull](#) |
- High-end | [Dover on Sea B&B](#) | [Simbavati Fynbos on Sea](#) |

Day 4. Sedgefield - Knysna, 25 km/15,5 mi

- Distance - 25 km/15,5 mi
- Driving time - 25 minutes

Things to do in Knysna

- Drive up to Knysna Heads
- Visit the Noetzie beach and the Castle
- [Do a boat cruise of the Knysna Lagoon](#)
- Enjoy the stunning sunset on a [boat cruise with captain's BBQ](#)
- [Explore the Knysna forest on a scooter bike](#)
- Go for a short hike in Diepwalle
- Discover the diverse wildlife on [a boat tour around Knysna Heads and the estuary](#).
- [Rent a Stand-Up Paddle Board](#) and Explore the Knysna Lagoon
- Spot marine animals on a [whale-watching cruise](#)
- Enjoy delicious food and good wine

Places to stay in Knysna

- Budget | [Island Vibe Knysna](#) | [Protea Guest House](#) |
- Middle price | [Abalone Lodges](#) | [Lagoon Lodge](#) |
- Luxury | [Candlewood Lodge](#) | [THEBLOEM Guest Suites](#) |

Day 5. Knysna - Plettenberg Bay, 32 km/20 mi

- Distance - 32 km/20 mi
- Driving time - 30 minutes

Highlights of the drive

- The Garden of Eden in the Harkerville forest
- [Knysna Elephant park](#)
- [Garden Route Wolf sanctuary](#)

Places to stay in Plettenberg Bay

- Budget | [Nothando Backpackers Lodge](#) | [22 Robberg Road](#) |
- Middle price | [Dolphin Circle Bed and Breakfast](#) | [Castleton Plettenberg Bay](#) |
- Luxury | [Ocean Watch Guest House](#) | [La Vista Lodge](#)

Day 6. Plettenberg Bay

Spend the day doing outdoor activities in and around Plettenberg Bay.

Things to do in Plettenberg Bay

- [Do a boat tour to spot hundreds of Cape fur seals](#) at Robberg Marine Protected area
- Explore Plettenberg Bay on a [guided sea kayak tour](#).
- Do [a 30-minute swim session with seals](#)
- [Do a canyoning trip](#)
- [Hike in Robberg Nature Reserve](#).
- [Visit Plettenberg Bay Game Reserve](#).
- [Join a whale-watching boat tour](#).
- Relax on Keurbooms beach in Plett
- Visit [Adventure Land](#)

Day 7. Plettenberg Bay - The Craggs - Nature's Valley - Bloukrans bridge - Tsitsikamma National park - Stormsrivier, 95 km/59 mi

- Distance - 95 km/59 mi
- Driving time - 1h45min.

Highlights of the drive

- Grootrivier Pass
- Nature's Valley
- Bloukrans Bridge
- Tsitsikamma National Park
- Stormsrivier

Things to do

- [Bungee Jump from Bloukrans Bridge](#)
- [Blackwater tubing in Tsitsikamma](#)
- Explore the beautiful indigenous forest on a [zipline and canopy adventure in Tsitsikamma](#).
- [Storms River kayak and lilo tour](#) (Tsitsikamma)
- Walk across the suspension bridges (Tsitsikamma)
- Go up to the lookout point (Tsitsikamma)
- Enjoy the Waterfall hike (Tsitsikamma)
- Do a snorkeling trail (Tsitsikamma)
- Spot whales and dolphins (Tsitsikamma)
- [A guided hike in the Tsitsikamma forest](#) (Stormsrivier)
- Do [a guided segway tour](#) (Stormsrivier)
- Go on a [paddle boarding and river tubing adventure](#) (Stormsrivier)
- Do a [quad bike tour through the forest](#) (Stormsrivier)

Places to stay in Stormsrivier

- Budget | [Tsitsikamma Backpackers](#) | [Tube 'n Axe Boutique Backpackers and Hot Tubs](#) |
- Middle price | [Fijnbosch Cottage and Camping](#) | [Forest Nest](#) | [Storms River Guest Lodge](#) |
- Luxury | [Tsitsikamma Manor](#) | [Swallows Nest Country Cottages](#) |