

## OVERBERG FILM OFFICE

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### ABOUT THE OVERBERG

The Overberg has always been considered as the breadbasket of the Cape due to grain farming in the area. Farms and wheat fields are bordered by mountains covered in fynbos and coastal scenes with many shades of blue. One of the most scenic drives in the world, Clarence Drive or locally known as the R44, is a popular setting for especially vehicle commercials. The same goes for the gravel roads through the forests in Elgin Valley Grabouw.

In Gansbaai the presence of marine wildlife has documentary film crews almost constantly filming. Gansbaai is known for the marine Big Five – sharks, whales, penguins, seals and dolphins.

There are a few hot spots in the Overberg that hosts regular film shoots with many hidden gems to be explored. Hermanus, Pringle Bay, Kleinmond, Gansbaai, Elgin and Bot River are amongst the most popular. As is the picture perfect Arniston.

[Union Pictures](#), one of the leading animal training companies in South Africa is based in Bot River and does around 170 film jobs per annum of which 30% is on the farm itself. They have been supplying trained wild, exotic and domestic animals to the film and television industry since 1987.

### OVERBERG FILM FRIENDLY LOCATIONS

- Lagoons, Harbours, Ocean, Marine Life – Whale watching/Shark Cage Diving/Dyer Island, 4 Lighthouses (Danger Point Gansbaai, Agulhas, Buffelsjagsbaai, Hangklip)
- Mountains – mountains, fynbos, paragliding, waterfalls, Kogelberg Biosphere (UNESCO listed)
- Southern Most Point of Africa
- Golf Courses (Arabella Golf Club rated as Top Ten in SA)
- Adventure sport – mountain biking, paragliding, quad biking, ziplining, trail running, diving
- 5 Wine Routes: Elgin, Bot River, Hermanus, Stanford, Agulhas Triangle
- Rock Art at Phillipskop Mountain Reserve

### PRODUCTIONS FEATURING OVERBERG LOCATIONS

International productions (series) partly filmed in the Overberg include:	Recent movies partly filmed in the Overberg:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emmy Award Winning Black Sails for Starz channel (Kleinmond Lagoon)</li><li>• The Crown (Hermanus Old Harbour)</li><li>• Of Kings &amp; Prophets</li><li>• Homeland</li><li>• Blood Drive</li><li>• North Men</li><li>• Sing Meinen Song</li><li>• Doomsday</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Dark Tower</li><li>• The Whale Crier</li><li>• Dark Tower</li><li>• Resident Evil 6</li><li>• Arende (1992-1994)</li><li>• Elders Series 3 (Coastal stretch Kleinmond, Sandbaai, Grotto Beach)</li><li>• Janneman (Elim)</li><li>• Kwela, Fiesta, Weg, Kom Ons Braai</li></ul>

Advertisements filmed in the Overberg includes: Coronation, Dawn, Amarak, Jeep, Fisheagle Whiskey, Bobtail, Firestone, Cadbury's and My Beautiful South Africa (Overberg scenery).

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4 Municipalities within Overberg District Municipality:

[Theewaterskloof](#)

[Overstrand](#)

[Agulhas](#)

[Swellendam](#)

## **FILM CREW**

The Overberg has all skills required including actors, actresses, producers, light and sound engineers, logistic specialists, catering, camera people, set builders, photographers, editors, composers, script writers, voice over artists, make-up and hairdressers.

For a complete list or more information contact Frieda Lloyd or Petro van Dyk or the website [www.overbergfilmoffice.com](http://www.overbergfilmoffice.com)

Engagement is welcomed on the Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/overbergfilmoffice/>. This serves as an introduction of all film crew and related freelancers.

## **WHAT ESSENTIAL LOCATION INFORMATION DO FILMMAKERS NEED TO KNOW?**

1. The generally well maintained municipal properties will require a permit available at the local town council. Rates are dependent on the size of the crew and duration of the shoot.
2. For road closures the traffic department needs to be involved.
3. Filming in Nature reserves and on beaches requires an ECO guide and environmental impact study with your application.
4. When filming on private property or in an estate, you will need landowners' permission and permission from the governing body. Depending on the zoning a municipality permit might also be required.